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Telling the war's real story

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Keith Strock, left, explains the use of a World War II implement of war to students visiting the World War II Victory Museum in Auburn. Mr. Strock served as an active volunteer at the museum until his death Sept. 9.

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Strock guided tours of World War II Victory Museum

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GARRETT — In his retirement, Keith Strock made almost daily trips back in time.

As a volunteer at the World War II Victory Museum south of Auburn, Mr. Strock devoted nearly every day of the last four years to "tell of the real experience of World War II," according to Bob Krafft, executive director of the Kruse Museums.

"He wanted the story (of World War II) told, and he took great pride in the Victory Museum and its mission," Krafft said. "He loved it here, and we loved having him here."

Mr. Strock, 84, of Garrett, died Sept. 9 as the result of complications of a heart bypass procedure. He was a decorated Army veteran of the European Theater, wounded by a German artillery shell in France about six weeks after D-Day.

Krafft said Mr. Strock was the weekly recipient of fan mail, e-mails and telephone calls from people who had toured the Victory Museum with him as their tour guide. One letter from a New Haven High School student said: "Thank you for making everything so interesting and memorable, and thank you for your service in World War II."

Mr. Strock was at the museum nearly every day of the week, and he took pains to make sure groups had a tour guide available from the staff of volunteers. Often, he was joined by his wife, Virginia, also a volunteer.

Krafft said other volunteers as well as the museum staff members are still in shock over the loss of their friend and colleague.

"I am so glad I had the opportunity to meet and know a guy like him," commented Kelly Bergman, former director of marketing for the Kruse Museums.

Staffers Tammy Hantz and Dianne Wineland likened Mr. Strock to a full-time employee.

"He had donated more than 1,000 hours this year," Wineland said.

"He was loved by the visitors, the staff and the other volunteers," Hantz said. "He gave of himself for the education of others, and he wanted everyone to know what happened in World War II."

Wineland called her friend "a ray of sunshine," adding, "He was the warmest person I have ever met, that is for sure."

Krafft said Mr. Strock gave instructions for his wife to continue her involvement at the museum.

"He was here one day, heading a tour, and the next day he was having bypass surgery," Krafft said. The need for the surgery was sudden, and Mr. Strock knew it was risky, Krafft explained.

" 'I am a fighter,' " Krafft quoted his friend as saying. "He wanted to keep going."

Krafft said Mr. Strock was not selfish, just passionate about people not forgetting the war.

"He was concerned that the story is going to become more and more lost," Krafft said. "He told us all, 'Don't quit.'"

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Charles Rowe

KENDALLVILLE — Charles W. Rowe, 82, of Kendallville died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He had been employed at Auburn Foundry 42 years, retiring in 1996 as a janitor.

He loved fishing and was an avid coin collector. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo.

Surviving are four daughters, Christine Campbell of Auburn, Jennifer Rowe of Garrett, Amanda Kennedy of Fort Wayne, and Kimberly Rowe of Butler; a son, Kevin Kennedy of Garrett; a caregiving niece, Dewana Richey of Kendallville; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Craig Rowe; three brothers; and seven sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Freewill Baptist Church, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the church or to the family.

Roddy Werner

WATERLOO — Roddy E. Werner, 64, of Waterloo died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at Wesley Health Care of Auburn.

He had worked in the kitchen at Kaghann's Korner.

He was born June 30, 1942, in Bryan, Ohio, to Joe and Vivian (Beard) Werner.

On July 6, 1963, he married Mary Ann Rowe in Pleasant Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Tony Wernr of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy Joe and Ray McBride of Corunna; three grandchildren, Becky Ann Nicholas, Amber Marie Nocholas and Sarah Diana McBride; and a great-granddaughter, Neveah Ann Nicholas.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Bea Laub

BUTLER — Bea E. Laub, 90, of Butler died at 12:30 a.m Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 1, 1915, in Lawshe, Ohio, to Milton E. and Katie (Lovette) Storer.

On March 27, 1937, she married J. Fred Laub in Spencerville.

Surviving are a son, Gary, and his fiance, Marilyn Miller, of Butler; and a grandson and his wife, Doug and Jody Laub of Paradise, Mich.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1994; a daughter-in-law, Mary Laub; a brother, Wayne Storer; and three sisters, Hazel Simanton, Helen Wade and Bobbie Squires.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler, the Rev. Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be at Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Brooke Lockhart

NORTH VERNON — Brooke Ann Lockhart, 24, of North Vernon and formerly of Albion died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. She had been ill for one year.

She was a homemaker and has lived in rural Albion most of her life, moving to North Vernon in 2004.

She was a 2000 graduate of West Noble High School, where she played volleyball. She was a member of 4-H.

On Sept. 10, 2002, she married Carl Lockhart in Albion. He survives in North Vernon.

Also surviving are her parents, Steve and Paula Phares of rural Albion; her birth parents, mother Ronda Harman and her husband, Jim, of North Vernon and her father, Greg Rucker and his wife Julie, of Valparaiso; grandparents Wilton and Ruby Phares of Ligonier and Wilfred and Flora Fournier of Corvallis, Ore.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Clint and Sara Phares of Albion.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Mark Woods of the Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Elkhart County 4-H.

David Nelson

SHIPSHEWANA — David Hadley Nelson, 44, of rural Shipshewana and formerly of San Diego, Calif., died at 6:18 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient for six days with heart complications.

He was a financial planner in San Diego and a sales representative in Goshen.

He was born Sept. 17, 1962, in Warren, Mich., to the late Ronald Warren and the late Jacqueline (Reidel) Nelson.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Christopher and Jennifer Nelson of Middlebury; and a sister, Wendy Lynn Nelson, of Midddlebury.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to a humane society of the donor's choice.

The Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Helen Grady

FORT WAYNE — Helen C. Grady, 87, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Unity Christ Church.

Surviving are a son, Kevin M. Grady of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Sharon A. Grady of Madison, Wisc., Marcia L. Brandt of Mt. Prospect, Ill., and Kathleen L. Strycker of Wolcottville; a sister, Gertrude I. Leas of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Estus "Mike" Grady; three sisters; and five brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Mary Wood officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Unity Christ Church.

Annabel Bettis

FORT WAYNE — Annabel DeSellem Bettis, 80, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a former waitress and had worked in home healthcare services. She was a dealer of antiques.

She was a member of the Riverside United Presbyterian Church of Wellsville, Ohio, and the Wellsville Eastern Star.

She was born in Wellsville Aug. 13, 1926, to Oscar O. and Isabell (Young) Duncan.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah and Laune Mason of Fort Wayne and Sharon Barringer of Wellsville, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Jennifer DeSellem of Birmingham, Ala., and David DeSellem of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, Tavia Smith, Damian Leughmeyer, Ronald DeSellem, Robert Barringer, Bryan DeSellem, Billy Ghur, Dustyn Cameron, Mia DeSellem, Benjamin Mason and Aileen Mason; and three great-grandchildren, Marcia, Shayla and Chastion Smith.

Preceding her in death were two husbands, Morris DeSellum and Robert Bettis; a brother, Richard Duncan; and a half-brother, Kenneth Duncan.

A memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be at Springkill Cemetery in Wellsville, Ohio.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of David DeSellem.

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Dorothy Noll

TURKEY LAKE — Dorothy A. Noll, 91, of Turkey Lake died Sunday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Noll

Mrs. Noll was born Aug. 17, 1915, in Kendallville to William and Carrie (Reed) McDonald. She married Nihl K. Noll on Aug. 10, 1935, in LaGrange, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 1996.

She had lived at Turkey Lake since 1963, and prior to that had lived at Big Long Lake and Gravel Beach Farm. She was a homemaker and had worked at the Brighton Indiana Toll Road Plaza. She had been a cook for Milford School for 14 years and also sold Fashion Frocks. She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph and Karen Noll of Auburn and Gary and Jan Noll of Angola; a sister, Imo Jewel Ransburg of South Milford; 11 grandchildren, Brett Noll, Bart Noll, Brad Noll, Benay Smith, Tammara Baranek, Kathleen Miller, Robert Noll, Patricia Mullen, Derek Noll, Andrew McComb and Maria Hunt; 17 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth McDonald, and a sister, Mildred McDonald.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at South Milford Church of Christ, with Mike Booher officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Brett Noll, Brad Noll, Bart Noll, Robert Noll, Derek Noll and Andrew McComb.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.

Harold Landes Jr.

ALBION — Harold R. Landes Jr., 82, of Albion died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at the home of a daughter.

Mr. Landes had lived in the area since 1960 and was a factory worker.

He was a 38-year member of American Legion Post 256 and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Columbia City.

He was born Jan. 28, 1924, in Chalmers, Ill., to Harold and Bernice (Foster) Landes. He married Julia Hoshour on Dec. 31, 1955. She died in 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Suzy Madge of South Carolina; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Pam Summers of Mooresville, Joy and Kevin McCoy of Avilla, Billie and Wayne May of Wawaka, Jerra and Brad Smolike of Albion and Terra and Kevin Clouse of Albion; a stepdaughter, Tana Smith; a sister, Alberta Browning of Maryland; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 246, will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Albion.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error.*

Brooke Lockhart

NORTH VERNON — Brooke Ann Lockhart, 24, of North Vernon and formerly of Albion died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. She had been ill for one year.

She was a homemaker and has lived in rural Albion most of her life, moving to North Vernon in 2004.

She was a 2000 graduate of West Noble High School, where she played volleyball. She was a member of 4-H.

On Sept. 10, 2002, she married Carl Lockhart in Albion. He survives in North Vernon.

Also surviving are her parents, Steve and Paula Phares of rural Albion; her birth parents, mother Ronda Harman and her husband, Jim, of North Vernon and her father, Greg Rucker and his wife Julie, of Valparaiso; grandparents Wilton and Ruby Phares of Ligonier and Wilfred and Flora Fournier of Corvallis, Ore.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Clint and Sara Phares of Albion.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Mark Woods of Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County 4-H program in Elkhart Township.

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October 3, 2006, Tuesday

Paul Hancock

WATERLOO — Paul L. Hancock, 56, of Waterloo died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Hancock

Mr. Hancock worked at Irving Gravel Co. as a heavy equipment operator and welder and formerly was the plant manager. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He graduated from Snider High School in Fort Wayne and from the National Auto Diesel College in Nashville, Tenn.

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

Mr. Hancock was born Sept. 4, 1949, in Fort Wayne to William G. and Florence V. (Buell) Hancock of Fremont.

He married Carole Graham on Aug. 11, 1973, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Steven Hancock and Dr. Alicia Hancock of Waterloo; two stepsons, Robert Slater of Angola and David Slater and his wife, Sherry, of Edon, Ohio; a daughter, Pamela Hancock of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Theresa and Tony Disbro of Edon, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Lowell and Liabonis Hancock of Canton, Ohio, Jack and Angie Hancock of Fremont and Kirk and Irene Hancock of Fremont; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Hancock of Muncie and Mary and Dennis Rider of Fremont; six grandchildren and their spouses, Nick and Jessica Disbro of Edon, Ben Disbro of Fishers, Deidre and Steven Kishpaugh of Angola, Josh and Ashley Slater of Camden, Mich., Amber Slater of Edon and Cheryl Slater of Edon; and four great-grandchildren, Trenton and Reece Disbro and Alexis and Kaydence Slater.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in New Hope Christian Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Dygert Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

Judith Powell

SPENCERVILLE — Judith A. Powell, 66, of Spencerville died at 11:39 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at Heritage Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Powell

Mrs. Powell was employed by General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1999 with 25 years of service.

She attended the Spencerville United Methodist Church and was a member of the Hicksville, Ohio, Eagles and the Hicksville American Legion Auxiliary. She also was a member of the Okeechobee, Fla., American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 10, 1940, in Auburn to William M. and Ethelyn E. (Baker) Miller.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ned A. and Karen Powell of Belleville, Ohio, Brian L. and Debbie Powell of Jacksonville, Fla., and Michael D. Powell of Fort Myers, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Bob Gettys of Spencerville and Ruthie D. and Darrell Holmes of Independence, Mo.; nine grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Sandy Miller of Spencerville and Ted and Debbie Miller of Butler; and one sister and brother-in-law, Gwen and David Mihuc of Edgerton, Ohio.

A memorial service will be Friday at 3 p.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Jerry Weesner officiating. Interment will be in White City Cemetery near Spencerville.

Calling will be Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to and an online guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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William Nix

ANGOLA — William Douglas Nix, 81, of Angola and Sebring, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006.

Mr. Nix was born in Asheville, N.C. He moved his family to Angola in 1957, and that is where he spent most of his life. His later years were spent dividing his time between Angola and Sebring.

He was employed for 50 years by Fairway Manufacturing of St. Louis. He was active in many civic organizations, including the American Legion and the Elks Lodge. During World War II, he served in France, Belgium, Holland and the Rhineland. He was a soldier with the 82nd Airborne Division during the occupation of Germany, and carried his 82nd Airborne Division Association charter member card for the rest of his life.

Surviving are five children and their spouses, Harry N. and Chris Nix and Laura R. and David Kaczmarek, all of Angola, William M. and Sarah Nix of Winter Springs, Fla., Victoria L. and Rick Tharrington of Watha, N.C. and Rebecca L. and Bill Rockney of Edon, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. C.E. English of Foley, Ala.; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There will be no services. At his request, cremation has taken place and his ashes will be placed alongside his wife and mother in Asheville in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice of the Comforter, 408 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714, or Elk Hart, in care of Angola Elks Lodge No. 2398.

Dale Harrington

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Dale C. Harrington, 77, of Hillsdale, Mich., died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at Veteran's Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He was born Sept. 27, 1929, in Hillsdale to William and Flora (Reynolds) Harrington. On Oct. 10, 1948, he married Geraldine L. Strait and she survives.

Mr. Harrington attended Hillsdale High School and later entered the U.S. Army and also the U.S. Air Force where he was stationed at the Selfridge Air Force Base in Mount Clemens, Mich. He later worked as a general manager for Litex Windows and was a member of the HAM Radio Association.

Mr. Harrington is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Jill and Brian Cleveland of Hillsdale, and Kim Maiers of Hudson, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Marcia Harrington of Newport Richey, Fla.; four grandchildren, Janelle L. Cleveland, Erica M. Cleveland, William G. Cleveland II, and Joseph D. Hammel; two great grandchildren, Benjamin A. Cleveland and Steven D. Stiles; one sister, Mildred Emerick of Jonesville; and many nieces and nephews, including nephews from Steuben County; and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Michael Harrington in 2004, and one brother, William Harrington.

Service will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Hillsdale First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Pat Sawyer officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery with military honors by the Leigh A. Wright American Legion Post.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Arrangements are by the VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale.

June Mueller

FORT WAYNE — June G. Mueller, 70, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Skinner Lake near Albion, died at 6:55 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health and seriously ill for the past four weeks.

Mrs. Mueller

Mrs. Mueller spent most of her life in Fort Wayne and then moved to Skinner Lake in 1993. She returned to Fort Wayne in 2000.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, quilting and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Mueller was born Dec. 1, 1935, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Walter and Countless (Miller) Book. She married James Mueller on May 7, 1954, in Fort Wayne. He died Nov. 12, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sue Languell and Pat and John Stiffler, all of Fort Wayne, and Laura and Dale Leedy of Larwill; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Adam Henderson of Aboite Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angel or Volunteer Funds of Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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October 4, 2006, Wednesday

Glen Knox

AUBURN — Glen H. Knox, 86, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Knox

Mr. Knox was a 1938 graduate of Butler High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and retiring as a first lieutenant after serving in Germany and France.

He began as a mechanic at Maxton Motors of Butler in 1941, retiring in 1982 as the dealership's leasing manager.

Mr. Knox was instrumental in the building of Hathaway Little League Park. He was a former winner of the Butler Open.

He was a 50-year member of Forest Lodge 239 F.&A.M., Butler St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Butler American Legion Post 202. He was retired as a 20-year member of the Butler Fire Department from 1947-67, serving as chief for five years. He served on the executive board of DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born Aug. 8, 1920, in Noble County to Hollis and Gail (Hamilton) Knox.

He married Marian Osborne on Nov. 8, 1946, in Butler. She preceded him in death on Feb. 25, 1989.

He married Barbara Pook on June 5, 1989, in Butler. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Rod and Barbara Knox of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Ann Lynn and John Kluska of Lisle, Ill.; one stepdaughter and her husband, Judy and Steve Kincaid of Fort Wayne; one sister and brother-in-law, Onalee and Raymond Moughler of Waterloo; two sisters-in-law, Donna June Knox and Gailanna Knox, both of Auburn; five grandchildren, Annette Knox of Indianapolis, Matthew Knox of Auburn and Glynn Kluska, Layne Kluska and Haley Kluska, all of Lisle, Ill.; two stepgrandchildren, Anthony Kincaid of Hutchinson, Kan., and James Kincaid of Fort Wayne; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Florin and Billy; and two sisters, Majel Moughler and Coralie Holman.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Darrol Heggen officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery with military honors by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Marietta Agner

ANGOLA — Marietta A. Agner, 84, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Agner was born June 21, 1922, in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Esther Timma

FORT WAYNE — Esther E. Timma, 92, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

She was a licensed practical nurse at Parkview Hospital for 13 years, retiring in 1977. She was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ.

Surviving are her husband of 66 years, Kenneth Timma; daughters Connie Timma of Fort Wayne and Nancy Passwater and her husband, Robert, of Wolcottville; two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; a sister, Edna King of Auburn; and brothers and sisters-in-law Gordon and Bea Schannen of Fort Wayne and Ralph and Helen Schannen of Fort Myers, Fla.

Preceding her in death was a brother, Robert Schannen.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Salem United Church of Christ, 2401 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Scott E. Coulter officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-6 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Salem United Church of Christ.

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Katherine Gangwer

LIGONIER — Katherine O. Gangwer, 77, of Ligonier died at 7:35 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at the home of a daughter in Middlebury.

Mrs. Gangwer

Mrs. Gangwer was a homemaker and had worked at NISCO in Topeka before retiring in 1991.

She was a member of the Church of Christ in Ligonier.

Mrs. Gangwer enjoyed fishing, hunting mushrooms and working crossword puzzles. She will be remembered for her fun-loving spirit, quick wit and her love of playing table games with her family and friends.

She was born March 25, 1929, in Ligonier to Milo and Katherine (Simmons) Miller. She married Delvin Gangwer on Aug. 23, 1947, in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Randy Gangwer of Goshen; three daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda and Harold Aldrich of Middlebury, Wanda Brown of Albion and Joyce Wheeler of Kirbyville, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Delores Miller of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Bud Woods of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Geri Lyn Gangwer; a grandson, Scott Aldrich; a granddaughter, Gerri Lynn Brown; a great-grandson, Willis Wantz; two brothers, Robert Miller and Quentin Miller; and four sisters, Margaret Poyser, Eloise Arnold, Devona Medsker and Marilyn Wright.

Phyllis Long

LIGONIER — Phyllis O. Long, 84, of Ligonier died at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Long was a homemaker and raised livestock. She loved farming and taking care of her animals.

She was born Nov. 4, 1921, in Ligonier to Farrell and Mayme (Emery) Mott.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Lou Long of Ligonier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Richville United Methodist Church near Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Richville United Methodist Church, 11009 C.R. 50, Ligonier, IN 46767 or the Care at Home/Hospice Program of Goshen General Hospital, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

Hartman Funeral Home, Blocker-Harris Chapel, Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Russ Hunsberger of Brenneman Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care at Home/Hospice Program of Goshen General Hospital, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

Loretta Harvey

ANGOLA — Loretta J. Harvey, 57, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Harvey

Mrs. Harvey was born May 9, 1949, in Eaton Rapids, Mich., to Charles Wilkinson and Iva (Wonsey) Blodgett. She married Virgil Harvey on Aug. 3, 1999, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed doing crafts. She was a member of the Angola Church of Christ.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Sara Johnson of Fremont; a daughter, Gina Johnson of Waterloo; a stepdaughter, Penny Harvey of Royal Oak, Mich.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Elgin and Leona Harvey of Big Rapids, Mich.; her mother in Angola; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Kenneth Wilkinson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with William Romans officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Mary Yoder

LAGRANGE — Mary Ann Yoder, 90, of LaGrange died at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born May 1, 1916, in LaGrange to Noah and Elizabeth (Frey) Miller. She married Alvin Yoder on Feb. 9, 1939, in LaGrange. He died April 15, 1988.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Irma and Raymond Miller of Millersbug, Catherine and Marvin Schrock of Wolcottville, Mary and Henry Graber and Wilma and Neal Graber, all of LaGrange, and Phyllis and Mervin Yoder of Topeka; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Wilbur and Barbara Yoder and Perry and Amanda Yoder, all of Topeka, Levi and Pauline Yoder of Millersburg, Vernon and Cindy Yoder of Wolcottville and Olen Yoder of LaGrange; three daughters-in-law, Linda Yoder and Viola Yoder, both of Shipshewana and Mary Yoder of Monroe; a stepsister and her husband, Martha and Harvey Miller of Topeka; 73 grandchildren; and 217 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sons, Orval Miller in 1998, Virgil Yoder in 2002 and Richard Yoder in 2004; three grandsons; five great-grandchildren; five half brothers, Mahlon Frey, Mose Miller, Jacob Miller, Ernest Miller and Ernest Miller; and three half sisters, Lizzie Miller, Mattie Miller and Lydia Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the family home, 2540 W. C.R. 350S, LaGrange, with Bishop Ervin Bontrager Jr. and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Richard Wilder

FORT WAYNE — Richard D. Wilder, 76, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at Parkview Hospital.

A native of Paulding, Ohio, he was a carpenter for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mary E. Wilder of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ken Wilder of Florida and Frank and Dawn Wilder of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Ron Morris of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Terri and Dave LeQuia of Garrett and Jamie and Jameson West of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two brothers.

Preceding him in death were a son, Michael; daughters Debra and Susan; one granddaughter and two sisters, Maxine King and Catherine Wilder.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or to the family.

Anna Boland

COLUMBIA CITY — Anna C. Boland, 91, of rural Columbia City died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at her home. She had been in declining health for some time and seriously ill since Friday.

Mrs. Boland had lived at her home in Smith Township for 30 years after living in the Churubusco area and Fort Wayne.

She had been employed as a clerk at Toidey Co. in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Boland was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

She was born April 7, 1915, in Fort Wayne to William and Lisette (Getting) Bauermeister. She married Roy Boland on June 6, 1936, in Fort Wayne. He died Aug. 24, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Floyd Boland of Columbia City and Raymond Boland of Columbia City.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Bauermeister and Albert Bauermeister, and three sisters, Alvina Fowler, Goldie Miller and Helen Fisher.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Bergland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Lenore Baird, 65

LAGRANGE - Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wolf Building in Shipshewana for Lenore K. Baird, 65, of rural LaGrange.

Mrs. Baird died at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On Aug. 29, 1941, in Kalamazoo, Mich., she was born to Harold Carney and Bonnabelle Baker Grate Westphal. She married Paul M. Baird on June 25, 1961, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 2000.

She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in LaGrange County.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Timothy Goins of LaGrange; five sons, Matthew R. Baird of Midland, Texas, Michael L. Baird of Cedar Springs, Mich., Mark A. Baird of Avilla, and Sean A. Baird and Aaron J. Baird, both of Angola; a brother, Earl Vining of Bozeman, Mont.; four sisters, Sally Hicks and Carol Henry, both of Kendallville, Barbara Mortimore of Wolcottville, and Christine Mills of Elkhart; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, two brothers, Harold and Daniel Westphal, preceded her in death.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Karen Thompson, 64

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. - Karen Sylvia Thompson, 64, of Binghamton and formerly of Topeka died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006.

Mrs. Thompson had moved to Binghamton in 1961.

She was raised in Topeka and was a 1959 graduate of Topeka High School.

Mrs. Thompson operated a cleaning service. She loved gardening and animals

Mrs. Thompson was born Oct. 24, 1941, in Elkhart to Stanley and Thelma Roy. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Laurene Thompson-Schultze and her husband, Michael Schultze, of Binghamton; a sister and brother-in-law, Stana and Harry Castetter of Topeka; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews including Kit Castetter of Topeka and Cory Castetter of Kimmell.

Services were held Sept. 22 in Binghamton.

Memorials are to the Humane Society, 2 Jackson St., Binghamton, NY 13903.

Condolences may be sent online to demunn@stny.rr.com.

Julia Hollowell, 77

LIGONIER - Julia A. Hollowell, 77, of Ligonier died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at 3:35 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital. Mrs. Hollowell had been ill for the past three years.

She was retired from the medical field and was a homemaker. She was a member of the West Noble American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Kendallville VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born in Chicago on Sept. 10, 1929, to Clem "Tommy" and Lois (Surfus) Fausnaugh, both of whom are deceased. She grew up in Kimmell and spent most of her life in Ligonier. She married John Hollowell on Nov. 12, 1957, in LaGrange County. He survives.

Besides her husband, survivors include three sons, Victor Hiatt of LaGrange, Rick Hiatt of North Webster and Thomas Hollowell of Ligonier; two stepsons, Rusty Hollowell of Topeka and John Hollowell Jr. of Ligonier; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lana and Mike Hiatt-Ostrander of Ligonier and Anita and Johnny Hiatt-Miller of South Shore, Ky.; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mark Hiatt, and two daughters-in-law, Delores Hiatt and Carol Hollowell.

Services were October 2, 2006 at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial took place at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Brooke Lockhart, 24

NORTH VERNON — Brooke Ann Lockhart, 24, of North Vernon and formerly of Albion died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. She had been ill for one year.

She was a homemaker and had lived in rural Albion most of her life, moving to North Vernon in 2004.

She was a 2000 graduate of West Noble High School, where she played volleyball. She was a member of 4-H.

On Sept. 10, 2002, she married Carl Lockhart in Albion. He survives in North Vernon.

Also surviving are her parents, Steve and Paula Phares of rural Albion; her birth parents, mother Ronda Harman and her husband, Jim, of North Vernon and her father, Greg Rucker and his wife Julie, of Valparaiso; Grandparents Wilton and Ruby Phares of Ligonier and Wilfred and Flora Fournier of Corvallis, Ore.; and one brother and sister-in-law, Clint and Sara Phares of Albion.

Services were held October 3, 2006 at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Mark Woods of the Burr Oak Baptist Church officiated. Burial took place at Wright Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Elkhart County 4-H.

Harold R. Landes Jr., 82

ALBION – Harold R. Landes Jr., 82, of Albion died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at the home of a daughter.

Mr. Landes had lived in the area since 1960 and was a factory worker.

He was a 38-year member of American Legion Post 256 and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Columbia City.

He was born Jan. 28, 1924, in Chalmers, Ill., to Harold and Bernice (Foster) Landes. He married Julia Hoshour on Dec. 31, 1955. She died in 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Suzy Madge of South Carolina; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Pam Summers of Mooresville, Joy and Kevin McCoy of Avilla, Billie and Wayne May of Wawaka, Jerra and Brad Smolek of Albion and Terra and Kevin Clouse of Albion; a sister, Alberta Browning of Maryland; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were two daughters, Tammie Jo & Laura Lee Landes and a stepdaughter, Tana Smith.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 246, will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Albion.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

ALBION NEW ERA
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June Mueller

FORT WAYNE -- June G. Mueller, 70, a resident of Fort Wayne and a former resident of Skinner Lake near Albion, died at 6:55 a.m. Monday, October 2, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time, and had been seriously ill for the past four weeks.

Mrs. Mueller was born in Van Wert County, Ohio on December 1, 1935, a daughter of Walter R. and Countless A. (Miller) Book, and moved as a child with her parents to Fort Wayne, where she spent her formative years.

On May 7, 1954, she was married in Fort Wayne to James R. Mueller. The couple spent most of their married lives in Fort Wayne until moving to Skinner Lake in 1993. He preceded her in death on November 12, 1999, and she returned to Fort Wayne in 2000. She was a homemaker all of her life.

The surviving relatives include her three daughters, Sue Languell of Fort Wayne, Laura (Dale) Leedy of Larwill, and Pat (John) Stiffler of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by five sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Adam C. Henderson, pastor of Aboite Missionary Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary today from 4-8 p.m. or one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be directed to the Angel or Volunteer Funds of Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Gerald Potee, 88

Gerald W. Potee, 88, of Brimfield died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Potee had lived in the area 55 years and had operated Potee's Market in Brimfield and had been a cabinetmaker in Ligonier.

He had served on the Noble County Council.

Mr. Potee was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Seabee construction corps.

He was a member of the Brimfield Lions Club and had recently received his 50-year membership pin.

He was also a member of the Rome City American Legion Post where he served as the post's first commander.

Mr. Potee enjoyed fishing, golf, IU basketball, the White Sox, woodworking, bowling and drinking coffee. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born April 27, 1918, in Gary to Earl and Meta (Williams) Potee. He married Marceile Frick on June 24, 1939, in Brimfield. She died Nov. 8, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Myrna and Sam Arnold of Brimfield and Bonnie and Eugene Albert of Chesterton; a son, Bruce Potee of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Beverly Potee of Lakeland, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Alvin Potee; and a sister, Vera Tierney.

Services were held Saturday, September 30, 2006, at Brimfield United Methodist Church with Pastor Maureen Reiff Mauzy officiating. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery near Rome City.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church, Brimfield Lions Club or Orange Township Fire Department.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

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Giles Pierre

FORT WAYNE — Giles Pierre, 98, a longtime Fort Wayne lawyer and former Fort Wayne associate city attorney, died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006.

Mr. Pierre was born Feb. 5, 1908. He graduated from Indiana School of Law in Bloomington, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi. Soon after graduating, he became active with the Democratic Party, serving as chairman of the Election Day organization and as precinct committeeman. He served as associate city attorney from 1959-63.

He was a founding member of Opportunities Inc., which was chartered to employ the severely handicapped. He served as the director of that organization until it disbanded in 1992. He also served on the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America for 15 years, was a member of the faculty of International Business College, held the position of legal aid attorney from 1972-82 and served as judge pro tem until 1987.

He was a past member of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society, and had achieved a lifetime membership with the Order of the Elks

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Suzanne and Wendell Davenport; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Billie Pierre and Steve Pierre; and four grandchildren; and a number of friends and extended family members in the Angola area.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera (Mueller) Pierre.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Darren Pierre officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Byron Mefferd

MESA, Ariz. — Byron Wayne Mefferd, 79, of Mesa died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, at Odyssey Hospice in Mesa

Mr. Mefferd was a photographer.

He was a former Kendallville resident and 1945 graduate of Kendallville High School.

Mr. Mefferd was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mesa.

He was born June 13, 1927, to Gilbert and Helen Mefferd in Van Wert, Ohio. He father is deceased and his mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his wife, Jean, in Mesa; a daughter, Elizabeth Bliss of Mesa; a son, Bryan Mefferd of Mesa; two stepdaughters, Sandy VanderWeyden of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Pat Basen of Ossian; a stepson, William Howard of Ossian; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Joanne Sibert of Kendallville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Doris Mefferd of Kendallville.

Services were held Sept. 26 at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Burial was in National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix.

Bunker's University Chapel in Mesa was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to St. Charles Catholic Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Siler Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

David 'Mike' Garrett

WATERLOO — David Michael "Mike" Garrett, 46, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garrett

Mr. Garrett served as the DeKalb County health officer for 24 years. He graduated from Madison High School in 1978 and from Indiana State University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in environmental health.

He was a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, an avid fisherman, a music buff, a supporter of Junior Olympics and a Big Red fan. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Madison.

He was born March 26, 1960, in Madison to Otha and Mary Ann (Smith) Garrett. They survive in Madison.

He married Ann McIntosh on Oct. 5, 1985, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jesse Garrett of Auburn; a daughter, MacKenzie Garrett, at home; a sister-in-law, Lisa Garrett of Madison; and his mother-in-law, Margaret Ann McIntosh of Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Don White, the Rev. Rex Charles and Jesse Garrett will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to help with expenses, in care of Ann Garrett, 815 Cedar St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

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Walter Lampe

AUBURN — Walter W. Lampe, 76, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lampe

Mr. Lampe was a dispatcher for Irving Redi-Mix in Fort Wayne for 31 years, retiring in 1990. He was a truck driver for the Pet Milk Co. in the 1940s and 1950s.

He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, where he was a former chairman and church elder. He was an avid ice fisherman and hunter, a former 4-H leader and a member of the Pioneer Car Club.

He was born July 21, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Emil D. and Minnie (Kahlke) Lampe. They preceded him in death.

He married Donna A. Yerks on May 28, 1949, in Harlan. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah and Jerry Claxton of Auburn and Lori Mansfield of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Diane Lampe of Auburn and Donald and Missy Lampe of Huntertown; a brother, Waldemar Lampe of New Haven; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Kelly Dircksen and her husband, Dave, of Noblesville, Tonya O'Connor and her husband, Adam, of Auburn, Scott Claxton of Milwaukee, Wis., Daniel Claxton of Auburn, Jessica Lampe and Christopher Lampe, both of Auburn, and Nicholas Jenks and Mitchell Jenks, both of Fort Wayne; and four great-grandchildren, Blake and Katie Dircksen of Noblesville and Alex and Andrew O'Connor of Auburn

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett. Pastor Jeffrey Horn will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

Condolences may be snet to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

William Gorsuch

KIMMELL — William L. "Bill" Gorsuch, 83, of Kimmell died at 4:16 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Gorsuch was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He had been a track foreman and inspector for more than 35 years with the B&O Railroad (now CSX).

Mr. Gorsuch served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243 and St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mr. Gorsuch enjoyed woodworking, gardening and cutting wood.

He was born June 12, 1923, in Noble County to Dale and Almeda (Reeve) Gorsuch. They are deceased. He married Betty F. Butler on April 27, 1946, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. She died June 22, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Johanna Gorsuch of Webster, N.Y.; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Rose Fisel of Albion, Julie and Ron Richey of North Webster, Melody and Rick Frye of Elkhart, and Karen and Clayton Sensibaugh and Gloria and Ken Schuman, all of Ligonier; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Karl and Mary Gorsuch of Kimmell and Roy Dean Gorsuch and his companion Sharon of Ligonier; a sister, Lois Replogle of Kimmell; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier with Father Joachim Quadros officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with military graveside services by American Legion Post 243.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church or West Noble American Legion Post 243.

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Katherine Gangwer

LIGONIER — Katherine O. Gangwer, 77, of Ligonier died at 7:35 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at the home of a daughter in Middlebury.

Mrs. Gangwer was a homemaker and had worked at NISCO in Topeka before retiring in 1991.

She was a member of the Church of Christ in Ligonier.

Mrs. Gangwer enjoyed fishing, hunting mushrooms and working crossword puzzles. She will be remembered for her fun-loving spirit, quick wit and her love of playing table games with her family and friends.

She was born March 25, 1929, in Ligonier to Milo and Katherine (Simmons) Miller. She married Delvin Gangwer on Aug. 23, 1947, in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Randy Gangwer of Goshen; three daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda and Harold Aldrich of Middlebury, Wanda Brown of Albion and Joyce Wheeler of Kirbyville, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Delores Miller of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Bud Woods of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gangwer

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Geri Lyn Gangwer; a grandson, Scott Aldrich; a granddaughter, Gerri Lynn Brown; a great-grandson, Willis Wantz; two brothers, Robert Miller and Quentin Miller; and four sisters, Margaret Poyser, Eloise Arnold, Devona Medsker and Marilyn Wright.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Russ Hunsberger of Brenneman Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care at Home/Hospice Program of Goshen General Hospital, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

Phyllis Long

LIGONIER — Phyllis O. Long, 84, of Ligonier died at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Long was a homemaker and raised livestock. She loved farming and taking care of her animals.

She was born Nov. 4, 1921, in Ligonier to Farrell and Mayme (Emery) Mott.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Lou Long of Ligonier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Richville United Methodist Church near Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Richville United Methodist Church, 11009 C.R. 50, Ligonier, IN 46767 or the Care at Home/Hospice Program of Goshen General Hospital, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

Hartman Funeral Home, Blocker-Harris Chapel, Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Brooke Lockhart

NORTH VERNON — Brooke Ann (Phares) Lockhart, 24, of North Vernon and formerly of Albion died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. She had been ill for one year.

She was a homemaker and has lived in rural Albion most of her life, moving to North Vernon in 2004.

She was a 2000 graduate of West Noble High School, where she played volleyball. She was a member of 4-H.

On Sept. 10, 2002, she married Carl Lockhart in Albion. He survives in North Vernon.

Also surviving are her parents, Steve and Paula Phares of rural Albion; her birth parents, mother Ronda Harman and her husband, Jim, of North Vernon and her father, Greg Rucker and his wife Julie, of Valparaiso; grandparents Wilton and Ruby Phares of Ligonier and Wilfred and Flora Fournier of Corvallis, Ore.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Clint and Sara Phares of Albion.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Mark Woods of the Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Elkhart County 4-H.

ADVANCE LEADER
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Karen Thompson

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — Karen Sylvia Thompson, 64, of Binghamton and formerly of Topeka died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006.

Mrs. Thompson had moved to Binghamton in 1961.

She was raised in Topeka and was a 1959 graduate of Topeka High School.

Mrs. Thompson operated a cleaning service. She loved gardening and animals

Mrs. Thompson was born Oct. 24, 1941, in Elkhart to Stanley and Thelma Roy. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Laurene Thompson-Schultze and her husband, Michael Schultze, of Binghamton; a sister and brother-in-law, Stana and Harry Castetter of Topeka; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews including Kit Castetter of Topeka and Cory Castetter of Kimmell.

Services were held Sept. 22 in Binghamton.

Memorials are to the Humane Society, 2 Jackson St., Binghamton, NY 13903.

Condolences may be sent online to demunn@stny.rr.com.

Pearl Newman

KENDALLVILLE — Pearl Beatrice (Hewitt) Newman, 89, of Kendallville died at 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at Kendallville Manor where she had been a resident for the past five years.

Mrs. Newman was the co-owner and operator of Elmer's Bar in Kendallville from 1945 to 1973.

She had lived in Kendallville for the past 86 years.

Mrs. Newman was former member of the Women of the Moose, Elks Lodge and McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She had volunteered in the hospital gift shop.

She was born April 15, 1917, in Payne, Ohio, to JF and Jenny (Brown) Hewitt. She married Elmer Taft Newman on April 27, 1940, in Brimfield. He died in October 1961.

Surviving are a son and two daughters-in-law, Roger and Evelyn Newman of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, and Patricia Newman of Rome City; a brother, Paul Hewitt of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Richard Newman and Eugene Newman; a brother, Doyle Hewitt; and a sister, Maxine Gray.

Services were Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
October 5, 2006, Thursday

William Gorsuch

KIMMELL — William L. "Bill" Gorsuch, 83, of Kimmell died at 4:16 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Gorsuch was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He had been a track foreman and inspector for more than 35 years with the B&O Railroad (now CSX).

Mrs. Gorsuch served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243 and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Mr. Gorsuch enjoyed woodworking, gardening and cutting wood.

He was born June 12, 1923, in Noble County to Dale and Almeda (Reeve) Gorsuch. They are deceased. He married Betty F. Butler on April 27, 1946, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. She died June 22, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Johanna Gorsuch of Webster, N.Y.; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Rose Fisel of Albion, Julie and Ron Richey of North Webster, Melody and Rick Frye of Elkhart, and Karen and Clayton Sensibaugh and Gloria and Ken Schuman, all of Ligonier; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Karl and Mary Gorsuch of Kimmell and Roy Dean Gorsuch and his companion Sharon of Ligonier; a sister, Lois Replogle of Kimmell; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier with Father Joachim Quadros officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with military graveside services by American Legion Post 243.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church or West Noble American Legion Post 243.

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Roger Hardy

AVILLA — Roger I. Hardy, 74, of Avilla died at 5:51 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He had been ill for the past year.

Mr. Hardy had been an engineer technician for Indiana-Michigan Power Co. for more than 30 years.

He had moved to Avilla in 1977 from LaOtto.

Mr. Hardy had been a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Mr. Hardy enjoyed fishing, gardening, woodworking and being outdoors.

He was born April 4, 1932, in Auburn to Arthur and Harriet (Seery) Hardy. He married Joan Bonville on May 14, 1955. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Michele Hardy and Susan and Dan Collins, all of Butler; a brother, Dean Hardy of Michigan; and four grandchildren, Brett Miller, Michael Hardy, Courtney Hardy and Joanie Hardy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother and sister, Eldon Hardy and Delmar Allison.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery at Avilla with military graveside services by American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Candy Maugherman

CHURUBUSCO — Candy Herron Maugherman, 53, formerly of Churubusco died at 6:08 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at the home of her brother in Eel River Township. She had been in failing health for the past year.

Survivors include her mother, Shirley Herron of Fort Wayne; a sister, Pepper Wells of Chicago; and three brothers, Gene Herron Jr. and Todd Herron, both of Fort Wayne, and Jeffrey Herron of rural Albion.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

This obituary is being republished with revisions and additional information about calling hours and relatives.

David 'Mike' Garrett

WATERLOO — David Michael "Mike" Garrett, 46, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garrett served as the DeKalb County health officer for 24 years. He graduated from Madison High School in 1978 and from Indiana State University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in environmental health.

Mr. Garrett

He was a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, an avid fisherman, a music buff, a supporter of Junior Olympics and a Big Red fan. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Madison.

He was born March 26, 1960, in Madison to Otha and Mary Ann (Smith) Garrett. They survive in Madison.

He married Ann McIntosh on Oct. 5, 1985, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jesse Garrett of Auburn; a daughter, MacKenzie Garrett, at home; a sister-in-law, Lisa Garrett of Madison; and his mother-in-law, Margaret Ann McIntosh of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jeffrey Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Don White, the Rev. Rex Charles and Jesse Garrett will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to help with expenses, in care of Ann Garrett, 815 Cedar St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

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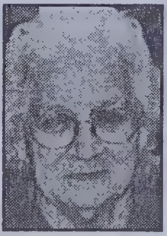
Eileen Sickmiller

GARRETT — Eileen E. Sickmiller, 84, of rural Garrett, died Wednesday evening, Oct. 4, 2006, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Sickmiller had been a resident of rural Garrett since 1970. She was known by many for her generous spirit and kindness.


Mrs. Sickmiller

She was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Garrett and the Sunbeams Homemakers Club and was a supporter of the Garrett Historical Society. She had been a leader of 4-H and Girl Scouts.

While her primary focus was home and family, she was employed for a time at McJon photo laboratories in Fort Wayne and as a health aide for Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born in Florida, Ohio, to Frank and Erna (Boesling) Engler.

She married Robert P. Sickmiller on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945, and he survives.

The couple first lived in Napoleon, Ohio, and later in Defiance, Ohio, and Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Lyn Stangland Cameron of Idaho, Jean and Ron Wyss of Fort Wayne and Kristine Sickmiller of Garrett; two sons, Franklin Sickmiller of Garrett and Neil Sickmiller of North Carolina; five grandchildren and their spouses, Eian Cameron and his wife, Chris, of Seattle, Wash., Andrew Stangland and his wife, Elena, of Virginia, Christopher Strangland and his wife, Erin, of Austin, Texas, Allison Wyss and her husband, Paul Healey of Boston, Mass., and Molly Wyss of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Hilda Bretz and Rosella Bergstedt, both of Henry County, Ohio; and a brother, Martin Engler of Henry County.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Burdette Engler.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, Garrett, with a reception following. Burial will be in the Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League or to Concordia Seminary of Fort Wayne.

Thomas Penick

PLEASANT LAKE — Thomas J. Penick, 70, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at his home.

He was born April 3, 1936, in Pleasant Lake to Clarence and Pauline Lepley Penick. He married Barbara Kaufman on Nov. 9, 2003. She survives.

Mr. Penick retired in 1991 after 30 years at International Harvester. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He attended the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and was a member of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Along with his wife, survivors include a son, Rick Penick of Pleasant Lake; stepsons David Cook of Gaston, S.C., and Gary Cook of Rowlett, Texas; a brother, Larry Penick of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Connie Presley of Avilla; a sister-in-law, Janis Penick of Hudson; and a stepgrandchild.

His parents preceded him in death, along with his first wife, Karolena Penick, who died Oct. 9, 1999; a son, Johnie Penick, who died in 1985; and a brother, Clarence Penick Jr., who died in 2005.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with military services by the Orland American Legion.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

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Donald Gruver Sr.

EDGERTON, Ohio — Donald L. Gruver Sr., 90, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 12:25 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Montpelier, where he was a patient.

Mr. Gruver

He operated Gruver's Grocery in Edgerton for 17 years, then was employed by Lutterbein Lumber Co. for 19 years. He was a member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men and was involved with the local food bank for over 50 years, retiring in 2005 after serving many years as chairman of the food pantry.

Mr. Gruver also served many years as treasurer of the Ministerial Association. He was instrumental in starting Cub Scouts in Edgerton and served as cub master in the 1950s. He served on the Edgerton Tree Commission for many years and in 1994 he and his wife, Ruby, were named citizens of the year in Edgerton.

He was born Feb. 27, 1916, in Rensselaer, Ind., the son of Floyd and Helen (Ramey) Gruver.

He married Ruby B. Obendorf on Feb. 26, 1939, in Newville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Donald L. Gruver Jr., of Bryan, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Carl Gruver of Pioneer, Ohio; and one sister, K. Betty Thomas of Ocala, Fla.

He was preceded in death by one son, William C. Gruver; one daughter, Marilyn Madoux; two brothers and one sister.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Edgerton United Methodist Church with Pastor Tim Gleason officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Edgerton United Methodist Church or the Edgerton Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Virginia Cole

ANGOLA — Virginia D. Rensch Cole, 91, of Angola, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

She was born Aug. 31, 1915, in DeKalb County, to Harley and Elva Everetts Rensch. She married Hershel Cole on Dec. 21, 1941. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1988.

Mrs. Cole

Mrs. Cole was a homemaker. She attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola and was a member of a homemakers' club and Steuben County Farm Bureau.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Dr. Katherine Cole Smith of Glen Allen, Va.; a sister, Betty John McCollum, and her husband, John, of Waterloo; a sister-in-law, Doris Harter Rensch of Angola; and many nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Mary Alice Cole Smith, in May 1999 and three brothers, Howard Rensch, Kermit Rensch and Raymond Rensch.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Missionary Church, the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. at the church on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to Rensch/Everetts College Scholarship Fund established at Taylor University, Fort Wayne, or Fairview Missionary Church.

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Barbara Blessing

HUNTERTOWN — Barbara "Ann" Blessing, 71, of Huntertown died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Blessing

She was born July 25, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Walter and Mary (Heffelfinger) Gump. She married James H. Blessing in Huntertown on Aug. 13, 1955. He survives.

She had lived at her present home for the past 42 years. She spent her formative years in Huntertown, and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1953. She was employed as the clerk-treasurer for the town of Huntertown for several years, and also worked as a waitress at Bailey's Ramble Inn in Huntertown for 22 years. She was an avid Indiana University basketball fan.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald D. and Victoria Pickering Blessing of Huntertown and Gregory L. Blessing of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Brenda K. Blessing of Huntertown; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marilyn Maloney of Chrubusco, Beverly and John Giannoni of Kettering, Ohio, and Linda and Chuck Goodwin of Indio, Calif.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Patti Gump of Huntertown and John and Annette Gump of Churubusco; a sister-in-law, Lorene Gump of North Webster; and a grandson, Matthew Pickering.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Lloyd Gump.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Sherri Long officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Huntertown Lions Club or Huntertown Little League.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Candy Maugherman

CHURUBUSCO — Candy Herron Maugherman, 53, a former resident of Churubusco, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, in the care of her brother and sister-in-law at their home in Eel River Township in Allen County, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for the past year.

Mrs. Maugherman

Mrs. Maugherman was born in Columbia City on Aug. 2, 1953, to Gene E. and Shirley (Shively) Herron. She spent her formative years in Churubusco, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1971. She had formerly been employed at C&A Tool and Engineering in Churubusco for 10 years.

She married Barney L. Maugherman on June 4, 1994. She and her husband then moved to Fayetteville, Ark. Her husband preceded her in death in January, and she had returned recently to the Churubusco area to be near her family.

She had a strong faith, and enjoyed the television ministry of Joyce Meyer. She enjoyed playing games and journaling.

Surviving are her mother in Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Pepper and Byron Wells of Chicago; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Gene E. Herron Jr. and Todd and Paula Herron, all of Fort Wayne, and Jeffrey and Tammy Herron of Albion; four nephews, Brandon Burelison, Joshua Herron, Jordan Herron and Kyle Herron; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins, including a special aunt and her husband, Anita and Lynn Bair of Churubusco.

She was also preceded in death by her father on Oct. 18, 1989.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Scott J. Davis officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 p.m. until the service.

Memorials are to Cancer Services, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805 or Joyce Meyer Ministries, P.O. Box 655, Fenton, MO 63026.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Mandy Jones

SHIPSHEWANA — Mandy Jones, 90, of Shipshewana died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Jones was born June 28, 1916, in Shipshewana to Jacob and Anna (Schrock) Gingerich. She married Levi Jones on Dec. 7, 1937, in Shipshewana. He survives.

She lived her entire life in and around Shipshewana. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Also surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Mary Jones and Jacob and Loretta Jones, all of Shipshewana, Levi Jr. and Janet Jones of Indianapolis, Lynn and Jill Jones of Topeka, Winford and Ulonda Jones of LaGrange and Kenneth and Vera Jones of Middlebury; six daughters and sons-in-law, Marilou and Dale Mast of Fort Myers, Fla., Judy and Josey Bontrager and Ruth and DeWayne Miller, all of Shipshewana, Elsie and Alvin Miller of Middlebury, Becky and Mervin Byler of Wolcottville and Linda and Ernest Lehman of Topeka; two brothers, Mose Gingerich of Wakarusa and Ezra Gingerich of Shipshewana; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Emma and Levi Schrock, Elizabeth and Leroy Miller and Ella and Albert Schrock, all of Shipshewana; 62 grandchildren and 143 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Fannie Gingerich; two sons, Paul and John Jones; two granddaughters; a great-granddaughter; two sisters, Ida Miller and Fannie Fry; and a brother, Ura Gingerich.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Harley Lambright Jr. residence, 6555 W. C.R. 200N, Shipshewana, with Bishop DeWayne Bontrager and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Harlan Miller residence, 6255 W. C.R. 200N, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is handling arrangements.

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Teacher was 'role model for everyone'

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Phillip Martin Jr. of Angola was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma two months after the birth of his daughter, Hannah. Mr. Martin passed away on Sept. 28.

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ANGOLA — Phillip Martin Jr. was a young man who was living a good life.

He and his wife, Cari, were married on April 1, 2000. He was a well-liked fifth-grade teacher at Hendry Park Elementary. He and his wife were starting a family — Phillip and Cari's daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, was born in July 2003.

Two months later, Phillip was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. On Sept. 28, after a long battle with the disease, Phillip passed away. He was 29.

Cari and Phillip met when they were both students at Manchester College. They began dating in 1997.

"He was so outgoing," Cari said. "He loved the outdoors and sports of all kinds ... especially Notre Dame teams."

Phillip was studying elementary education at Manchester, while Cari was pursuing a degree in psychology with a religion minor.

"We had a lot of similar interests," Cari said. "We were in choir together at Manchester. He loved kids and I loved kids. We both loved the outdoors and had a really strong faith. We were really compatible."

Even after his diagnosis, Hendry principal Kristin Sine said Phillip remained optimistic.

"He was a great guy. He had a wonderful, positive attitude through everything," Kristin said.

Phillip was a dedicated teacher who enjoyed his students.

"He interacted well with the children. He was a wonderful role model for them," Kristin said. "Really, he was a wonderful role model for everyone. He was an asset to our staff and students. I'm just sorry we didn't have him for longer than we did."

Kristin said when Phillip first started going to treatment, he was hopeful.

"He was so positive. He had a lot of faith," she said. "We have a lot of fond memories of when he was here."

Hannah, Cari said, was able to be with her father a lot during his last years.

"It was hard, but in some ways it made Hannah more easygoing," Cari said. "Ever since she was little, she went to Daddy's appointments with him. She learned to take things in stride and go with the flow."

Phillip went through chemotherapy and radiation. He was declared cancer-free twice, only to have the disease return. He underwent a stem cell transplant using his own cells and a bone marrow transplant using bone marrow from his brother, Andrew, who was a perfect match.

But in the end, despite all his fighting, Phillip couldn't beat the disease that had ravaged him.

Cari's grandmother, Eileen Fulton, said she couldn't have chosen a better partner for a granddaughter.

"What can I say, except that he was a wonderful father, a wonderful husband, a wonderful teacher and a wonderful man?" she said.

Cari remembers her husband with tremendous pride, and knows that one day her daughter will do the same.

"He didn't give up at all. Even at the very end he was fighting," she said. "Because he took treatments at home, he got to see a lot of Hannah. They were very close, and he was able to pass along himself to her, even in that short amount of time."

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Marion Furnish

SPENCERVILLE — Marion Irene Furnish, 87, of Spencerville died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

She worked as a secretary for AC & Y Railroad in Akron, as a telephone operator in Spencerville and as a librarian for Riverdale Elementary School in St. Joe.

Mrs. Furnish

Mrs. Furnish enjoyed music, euchre, bridge, needlepoint and bird watching. She was a proud member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville and a beloved wife, grandmother and great-grandmother.

On Jan. 23, 1919, in Akron, Ohio, she was born to Arthur White and Beulah (Hawk) White Sommers.

She married Merl Dean Furnish on March 31, 1946, in Akron. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Cindy Furnish, Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Kenny Neuhouser, Leo; two grandchildren and their spouses, Nicole and Phil Shull, St. Joe, and Jon and Jonelle Furnish, Garrett; five great-grandchildren, McKenna, Madison and Marisa Shull and Dawson and Reese Furnish; and two half-brothers, Roger White, Circleville, Ohio, and Bill White, Anderson.

In addition to her husband and parents, her stepfather, Joe Sommers, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville. Burial will be in White City Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baldinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 97, Spencerville IN 46788, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814 or Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults Inc., 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Harry Yoder

LAGRANGE — Harry V. Yoder, 98, of LaGrange, formerly of Shipshewana, died at 1:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was born on May 5, 1908, in Shipshewana.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Prickett

NORTH CANTON, Ohio — Elizabeth M. (Reynolds) Prickett, 93, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at St. Luke Lutheran Home, North Canton, Ohio.

Mrs. Prickett had worked at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and was a member of St. Ann's Queen of Angels Church.

She was born May 10, 1913, in Garrett to William and Anna (Soule) Culbertson. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Melvin Reynolds, her second husband, Eugene Prickett, and two sons, Jimmie and Thomas Reynolds.

A graveside service took place Saturday in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

The Stier-Israel Funeral Home of Louisville, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

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Wayne McPherson

KENDALLVILLE — Wayne L. McPherson, 37, of Kendallville died at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Thursday evening.

Mr. McPherson

Mr. McPherson had lived in Noble and DeKalb counties his entire life. He was a 1986 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He had been employed at DeKalb Molded Plastics in Butler for 11 years.

Mr. McPherson enjoyed NASCAR and working on cars.

He was born Oct. 4, 1969, in Auburn to Andrew Wayne and Twana (Rupert) McPherson.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Andrew and Nannie McPherson of LaGrange; his mother, Twana McPherson of Waterloo; two sons, Billy Park and Raymond Park, both of Angola; seven sisters, Twana Mourer of Waterloo, Terry Brown of Arkansas, Shana McPherson of Auburn and Amanda McPherson, Teresa Hunter, Tammy Shirk and Robin Farley, all of Kendallville; four brothers, Adam McPherson and Scott Shirk, both of Garrett, Stacy Shirk of Huntertown, Scott Hall of Ohio and Larry Hall, Jamie Hall and Billy Hall, all of Kendallville; and his girlfriend, Melody Frane.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Mary Wilson

TOPEKA — Mary Ann Wilson, 58, of Topeka died at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences are to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Harry Yoder

LAGRANGE — Harry V. Yoder, 98, of LaGrange and formerly of Shipshewana died at 1:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Yoder

Mr. Yoder and his wife had owned and operated Yoder's Service Station in Shipshewana for 47 years. He had also been a bus driver.

He was a member of Shore Mennonite Church where he taught Sunday school.

Mr. Yoder had been a volunteer firefighter in Shipshewana for 40 years.

He was born May 30, 1908, in Shipshewana to Lee and Lizzie (Schrock) Yoder. He married Grace Virginia Schrock on June 29, 1935. She died March 15, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Shirley and Jim Miller of Shipshewana and Carolyn Waters of Middlebury; three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Marolyn Yoder of Shipshewana, Raymond and Jean Yoder of Hicksville, Ohio, and Stanley and Barb Yoder of Angola; a sister, Gladys Ringo of Shipshewana; a brother, Clyde Yoder of Vista, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a grandson; two brothers, Freman and Floyd; and a sister, Nel Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Carl Horne and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Shipshewana Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Bernadette Teders

AVILLA — Bernadette C. Teders, 90, of Avilla died at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Teders had been a homemaker and lifetime Avilla resident.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and its Rosary Sodality. She was also a member of Harvest House and the Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 14, 1916, in DeKalb County to William G. and Gertrude A. (Snider) Meyer. She married Louis H. Teders on June 2, 1938, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died Aug. 22, 1976.

Surviving are five daughters and two sons-in-law, Martha and Jim Mueller of Avilla, Linda and Jerry de Lizer of Deming, N.M., Sister Elaine Teders of New Lenox, Ill., Retha Hollis of Columbia City and Nancy Buckles of Water-loo; two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Betty Teders of Angola and Raymond and Judy Teders of Hartsville, S.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Francis and Theresa Meyer of Avilla; a sister, Agnes Tilbury of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Paul Buckles; four sisters, Evelyn Freeman, Wilma Schmenk, Mildred Fischer and Sister Marie Meyer; and four brothers, Bernard Meyer, Herman Meyer, Edward Meyer and Robert Meyer.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Leeuw and Father Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary at 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart or Masses to the church.

Genevieve Thompson

CHURUBUSCO — Genevieve C. "Jenny" Thompson, 88, of Churubusco died at 11:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson had resided at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City since August.

She was a lifetime resident of Churubusco and a graduate of Churubusco High School.

Mrs. Thompson had been a homemaker and member of Beacon Light Chapel.

She was born Nov. 13, 1917, in Churubusco to Elmer and Nellie (Simons) Evans. She married Ralph Thompson on May 6, 1938, in Marion. He died May 4, 1973.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Barbara Thompson of Avilla and Alan and Sharon Thompson of Huntington; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dennis Fisher of Churubusco; a sister, Bette Raypole of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Janet Thompson; a stepdaughter, Wanda Graham; and a sister, Ruby Scott.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Nate Harlan of Beacon Light Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Beach Light Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Lorna Leaders

LAGRANGE — Lorna J. Leaders, 66, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Leaders

Mrs. Leaders worked as the program officer for the Steuben County Community Foundation. She had been with the foundation since 1997. She headed the FIST Youth Club, with is associated with the community foundation.

She was a member of the Orland Congregational Church, a Girl Scout leader for more than 25 years, a board member of RSVP of Steuben County, a member of TRIAD for the Steuben County Council on Aging and belonged to the Salem Lamplighters Home Extension Club. She served on the 4th of July Committee for the City of Angola.

She was born Oct. 26, 1939, in Detroit to Benjamin and Stella (Peletski) Repp. Her mother preceded her in death. Her father survives in Southgate, Mich.

She married Duane Leaders in 1979 in Clear Lake. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Kathy Jewell of Lebanon, Mo.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Denise and Ike Paynter of Richmond, Mich., Robin Roberts of Three Rivers, Mich., Marjorie and Denver Booth of Orland and Charlene and Nathan Libey of North Judson; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Dee Repp of Trenton, Mich.; a sister, Donna Marbrey of Southgate, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Orland Congregational Church. Pastor Mark Emelander will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the FIST Youth Club or Hospice.

Eilleen Schaab

FORT WAYNE — Eilleen Jane Schaab of Fort Wayne and Lake James died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Schaab was born in Chicago. She had worked as a cub reporter for the Los Angeles Times, and was later the head switchboard operator at the Union Tank Car Co. in Chicago.

She attended the University of California at Los Angeles. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, Lady Marians, the Red Hat Society, Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Auxiliary, Lady Elks and the Angola Ladies' Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Stacey Schaab of Anna-polis, Md. and Barbara Schaab of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Stephen Bunch of Angola and Mona Anastasia Del Priore of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Winifred J. Hanley of Fort Wayne and Megan Freeburg of Chicago; and a niece, Adrian Collins of Chicago.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 31 years, John E. Schaab, in 1996; her parents, John and Mary (Henaghan) Hanley; a sister, Marion Wrobel; and a brother, John Hanley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at St. Jude Catholic Church. Calling will be one hour before services.

Memorials are to the Angel Fund at Village of Heritage or the Steuben County Humane Society.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to list additional surviving relatives.*

Marion Furnish

SPENCERVILLE — Marion Irene Furnish, 87, of Spencerville died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Furnish

She worked as a secretary for AC & Y Railroad in Akron, as a telephone operator in Spencerville and as a librarian for Riverdale Elementary School in St. Joe.

Mrs. Furnish enjoyed music, euchre, bridge, needlepoint and bird watching. She was a proud member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville and a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

On Jan. 23, 1919, in Akron, Ohio, she was born to Arthur White and Beulah (Hawk) White Sommers.

She married Merl Dean Furnish on March 31, 1946, in Akron. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Cindy Furnish of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Kenny Neuhouser of Leo; three grandchildren and their spouses, Nicole and Phil Shull of St. Joe, Jon and Jonelle Furnish of Garrett, and Dustin and Mandy Neuhouser of Fort Wayne; eight great-grandchildren, McKenna, Madison and Marisa Shull, Dawson and Reese Furnish and Austin, Brandon and Jimmy Neuhouser; and two half brothers, Roger White, Circleville, Ohio, and Bill White, Anderson.

In addition to her husband and parents, her stepfather, Joe Sommers, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville. Pastor Elizabeth Nichel and Pastor Bill Hoerger will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baldinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 97, Spencerville IN 46788, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814 or Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults Inc., 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

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Barbara Cook

ANGOLA — Barbara J. Cook, 71, of Angola died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Cook

Mrs. Cook was born Jan. 30, 1935, in Angola to Berl "Bill" Ford Isenhower and Margaret Belle (Perry) Foulk. She was married to Harley Gibson Sr., and he died on May 13, 1979.

She was a retired employee of EMF in Angola. She liked animals and potluck suppers with her friends at Lakeland Apartments in Angola.

Surviving are five daughters and a son-in-law, Veronica and Dave McKinley, Carolyn George and Jennifer Lynn Walker, all of Angola, Tresa Herbert of New York and Carmela Sue Haming of Coldwater, Mich.; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Glen and Renada Gibson of Radcliffe, Ky., Harley Jr. and Jacklyn Gibson of Burlington, Mich., Berl Ford and Julie Gibson of Coldwater and Michael Robert Gibson of Elkton, Md.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, George and Jolynn Foulk of Pleasant Lake and Eugene Foulk of Fremont; a half sister, Beverly Bird of Fort Wayne; her former husband, Bernard Cook of Angola; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Tom Onjukka officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Mary Wilson

TOPEKA — Mary Ann (Axley) Wilson, 58, of Topeka died at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, in LaGrange.

Mrs. Wilson was a caregiver and member of Lima Presbyterian Church.

She was born May 8, 1948, in Marion to Bill and Freeda (Key) Axley.

Surviving are her husband, Dan Spencer; her mother, Mrs. Guy (Freeda Axley) Nealis; a son and daughter-in-law, James II and Michelle Vanderbeck; a sister, Lara Axley; a brother, Bud Axley; a granddaughter, Celesta Vanderbeck; two nephews; four nieces; and two great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Axley; and a grandmother, Goldie Pulley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Marietta Agner

ANGOLA — Marietta Agner, 84, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Agner was born June 21, 1922, in Angola to Gail W. and Mildred (Johnson) Anstett. She was married to Martin "Abe" Agner, and he preceded her in death on March 4, 1993.

She was the vice president of First National Bank of Angola, and retired in 1986 after 43 years. She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, Ashley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Organ Club and the Fort Wayne Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving are two sisters, Donna Mae Russell of Wabash and Doretta Souders of Clair, Mich.; and nine nieces and nephews and their spouses, Jean Wells of Auburn, Steve and Cindy Anstett and Debra Krontz, all of Pleasant Lake, Katie Leland of Wabash, Mike Wisner of Apez, N.C., Butch Haifley of Angola, Donnie Bachelor of Orland and John Bachelor of Toledo, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Don Anstett, and a sister Eloise Wisner.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Calling will be one hour before services on Friday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

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Helen Miller

COLUMBUS — Helen M. Miller, 95, of Columbus and formerly of Kendallville died at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at Four Seasons Retirement Center.

Mrs. Miller was the founder and owner of the former Cinderella Dress Shop in downtown Kendallville.

Mrs. Miller

She was a 1930 graduate of Kendallville High School.

Mrs. Miller had been a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and its Lydia Circle. She had also taught the toddler Sunday school class at Trinity.

She had been a member of Tri Kappa in both Kendallville and Columbus.

Mrs. Miller was an avid bridge player and enjoyed IU basketball.

She was born May 3, 1911, in Kendallville to Carl C. and Imo Jewell (Reed) Cochran. She married Hubert A. Miller on June 7, 1936, in Kendallville. He died in 1982.

Surviving are daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth “Liz” and Dr. John Lipson of Columbus; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert C. and Sally Miller of Levering, Mich.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Christine and Paul Lipson-Rapinz of Boulder, Colo., Carol and Todd Fausnaught of Williamsport, Pa., and Robert and Tracey Miller of Michigan; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, George Cochran.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at the Four Seasons Chapel in Columbus and one hour prior to services Thursday at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Four Seasons Employee Fund, 1901 Taylor Road, Columbus, IN 47201 or to Trinity Church United Methodist, P.O. Box 431, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Hathaway-Myers Dignity Memorial Chapel in Columbus was in charge of arrangements in Columbus.

Condolences may be sent online to www.myers-hathaway-myers.com. or www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Freda Boroff

FORT WAYNE — Freda T. Boroff, 95, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne native, Mrs. Boroff was a cook at St. Vincent dePaul School.

She was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church and the Rosary Sodality and Harvest House in Kendallville.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ruth Boroff of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Alice Bowers of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Ophellia Philo of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, in 1954; parents, Harriet Jane and Lewis Fredrich Rippe; and 10 brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, with Father John Cramer officiating. Burial will be in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a vigil at 4 p.m. Calling will also be one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

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Charles Thomas

CHURUBUSCO — Charles Wayne Thomas, 55, of Churubusco died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for the past two years.

Mr. Thomas

Mr. Thomas had moved to Churubuso in 1999 from Fort Wayne.

He had been employed as an escort driver at Cardinal Escort Service, formerly Sonrise, LLC, until ill health forced him to retire in September.

Mr. Thomas had been a member of several country music bands for the past 30 years and especially enjoyed Waylon Jennings. He was also an avid Dallas Cowboys football fan.

He was born Oct. 30, 1950, in Teetersville, Ky., to Charles and Leola (Shepherd) Thomas. He married Debra Templeton on Oct. 30, 1987, in Gate City, Va. She survives.

Also surviving Mr. Thomas are his children, Christopher and Stacey Thomas and Michelle and Shane Lambert, all of Indiana; seven sisters and three brothers-in-law, Diane and Andy Montoya of Texas, Mary Turner of New Mexico, Imagean and Johnny Allen, Linda and Charles Howard, Joyce Turner and Leola Thomas, all of Kentucky, and Barbara Horton of Indiana; a special aunt and uncle, Reba and Earl Thomas of Marion; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Teresa Thomas; and his father-in-law, Everett Liggett.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rick Van Horn of Believer's Bible Fellowship officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship or the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Barbara Riemke, wife of former Kendallville mayor, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara Riemke of Kendallville died at 5:10 a.m. today, Oct. 11, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Among her survivors is her husband, former Kendallville Mayor John Riemke.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Barbara Wood

WATERLOO — Barbara A. Wood, 64, of Waterloo died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wood worked at the former Magnavox plant in Auburn, retiring in 2003. She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

She was born March 27, 1942, in Holloway, Mich., to Claude Lewis Sr. and Jenny (Vanorden) Lewis. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale A. Wood on Jan 12, 1960. He died May 29, 1991.

Surviving are a son, Jimmy Dale Wood of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Sean Landers of Auburn; a brother, Wilber Lewis of Garrett; and two grandchildren, Dawn Monroe and Misty Myers.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Claude Lewis Jr. and Henry Lewis; two sisters, Mary Omstead and Margaret Lewis; and a great-granddaughter, Desiree Monroe.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Everett Leins

CORUNNA — Everett Heber "Whitey" Leins, 85, of Corunna died at 8:40 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Leins

Mr. Leins had been a lifetime area resident.

He was a farmer and a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed fishing.

Mr. Leins was a member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was born June 15, 1921, in Hudson to John and Rhea (High) Leins. He married Virginia Sophia Lehman on Sept. 25, 1943, in West Fairfield. The couple had just celebrated their 63 wedding anniversary.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and a son-in-law, Connie and Dan Widdifield of Fremont and Sharon Benner of Denver, Colo.; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Jo Leins of Kendallville, Ron Leins of Auburn and Rick Leins of Corunna; 21 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Bobby Leins in 1952 and Keith Leins in 1995.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery with military graveside services by VFW Post 2749. Pallbearers will be Seth Leins, Greg Leins, Mike Leins, Steve Leins, Angie Leins, Becky Leins, Judy Leins Moore and Christie Leins Snyder.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department, 102 Bridge St., Corunna, IN 46730.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Ellis Taylor

WAWAKA — Ellis Loyd Taylor, 68, of Wawaka died at 8:10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Taylor had retired from Walker's, now known as Tenneco, in Ligonier. He had also been employed as the head sawyer for Frick's Sawmill in Brimfield for more than 20 years.

He had attended Wawaka Church of the Brethren in Wawaka.

Mr. Taylor served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Taylor enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, NASCAR, collecting hats and helping others.

He attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and was proud of his accomplishments with AA.

He was born April 9, 1938, in Russellville, Franklin County, Ala., to Robert and Josephine (Logan) Taylor. He married Marilyn Whirledge on Sept. 24, 1971, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Harold Taylor of Alexander City, Ala.; several nieces and nephews; and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lawrence Taylor and Hugh Taylor; and a sister, Doris Jane Taylor.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Wawaka Church of the Brethren in Wawaka with the Rev. Verne Leininger of the church officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Brick Cemetery near Millersburg.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the church and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials will be to Camp Mack for Children, P.O. Box 158, Milford, IN 46542.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mark Rykard

FORT WAYNE — Mark E. Rykard, 48, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at South Bend Memorial Hospital.

A Fort Wayne native, he graduated magna cum laude from Ball State University and was an avid basketball player and fisherman.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kristen M. and Chris Turney of Fort Wayne; his parents, James R. and Betty Rykard of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Cleatus Roller of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Vance and Bobbi Rykard of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Samuel and Cindy Rykard of Fort Wayne; eight nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road S, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

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Verline Goss

BUTLER — Verlene "Peggy" Goss, 97, of Butler and formerly of Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb.

Mrs. Goss

She was born Oct. 26, 1908, in Steuben County to George A. and Ida (Myers) Rumsey. She married Kenneth Goss on Sept. 26, 1939, in Angola. He preceded her in death in 1986. She lived in the Coldwater area most of her life. She worked at Stukey Hotel, Pine Island Restaurant and Day's Trailer Court.

She is survived by two daughters; Virginia Colvin Dick of Coldwater and Anita Penning of Chicago; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers; two sisters; a daughter, Cuma Jean Gray; two grandchildren, Richard Gray, Peggy Dick; one great-granddaughter, Cherie VanEvery; and two great-great-grandchildren, Chaz Daler and Courtney Sutton.

Mrs. Goss was a member of the Eagles Club of Coldwater, she was past president of the ladies auxiliary. She was well known for her cooking and her family was her life.

Calling will be today from noon until the time of service at 1 p.m. at the Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater. Burial will be in Batavia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Leave an online tribute at www.putnamfuneralhome.com

Miriam Worth

ANGOLA — Miriam Jane Worth, 88, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006.

Mrs. Worth was born May 16, 1918, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, to Fred W. and Cleo (Vardon) Moser. She was married to William Worth on April 11, 1942, and he survives.

She was an elementary school teacher in Upper Sandusky. She was a member of Howe United Methodist Church and a life member of the VFW Auxiliary. She taught Sunday school and was treasurer of the resident board of Elliott Manor.

She graduated from Bowling Green State University and enjoyed traveling with her husband.

Also surviving are a son, David Worth of Bellows Falls, Vt.; three daughters, Barbara Domek of Lexington, Ky., Harriet Fansler of Angola and Sarah Hagelgans of White Pigeon, Mich.; a sister, Janet Wagner of Upper Sandusky; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Moser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials are to Steuben County Council on Aging, Cameron Memorial Community Hospital or the American Diabetes Association.

Wava Mettert

ANGOLA — Wava May Mettert, 99, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Mettert

Mrs. Mettert was born Aug. 19, 1907, in Flint to Jay and Daisy (Stout) Denman. She married Thomas Mettert in Hicksville, Ohio, in 1955. He preceded her in death in 1976.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola. She attended Flint School and enjoyed flowers and gardening.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Treva McClanahan of Punta Gorda, Fla.; six stepdaughters, Crystal DuWan, Ione Henry, Lucille Richmond, Margaret Moss, Sandra Martin and Rosemary Mettert; six grandchildren, Jerry McClanahan, Burna Morrison, LaVon McClanahan, Kathy McHenry, Bill McClanahan and Barry McClanahan; a sister, Ruby Hess of Muncie; 17 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; 15 stepgrandchildren; and many stepgreat-grandchildren and stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church or Steuben County Cancer Association.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors.*

Marietta Agner

ANGOLA — Marietta Agner, 84, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Agner was born June 21, 1922, in Angola to Gail W. and Mildred (Johnson) Anstett. She was married to Martin "Abe" Agner and he preceded her in death on March 4, 1993.

She was the vice president of First National Bank of Angola, and retired in 1986 after 43 years. She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, Ashley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Organ Club and the Fort Wayne Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving are two sisters, Donna Mae Russell of Wabash and Doretta Souders of Clair, Mich.; and 11 nieces and nephews, Jean Wells of Auburn, Robert, Steve and Cindy Anstett and Debra Krontz, all of Pleasant Lake, Katie Leland of Wabash, David Souders of Clair, Mike Wisner of Apez, N.C., Butch Haifley of Angola, Donnie Bachelor of Orland and John Bachelor of Toledo, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Don Anstett, and a sister, Eloise Wisner.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Calling will be one hour before services on Friday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include additional information.*

Mary Wilson

TOPEKA — Mary Ann (Axley) Wilson, 58, of Topeka died at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, in LaGrange.

Mrs. Wilson was a caregiver and member of Lima Presbyterian Church.

She was born May 8, 1948, in Marion to Bill and Freeda (Key) Axley.

Surviving are her husband, Dan Spencer; her mother, Mrs. Guy (Freeda Axley) Nealis; a son and daughter-in-law, James II and Michelle Vanderbeck; a sister, Lora Axley; a brother and sister-in-law, Bud and Kristi Axley; a granddaughter, Celesta Vanderbeck; two nephews; four nieces; and two great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Axley; and a grandmother, Goldie Pulley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dan Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

James Witham

LAGRANGE — James. L. Witham, 55, of LaGrange died at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Louis Howe

WOLCOTTVILLE — Louis J. Howe, 89, of Wolcottville died at 11:35 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange where he had been a resident since September.

Mr. Howe had moved to Wolcottville in 1978 from Auburn.

He retired in 1978 from Dana Corp. in Auburn after 22 years of service.

Mr. Howe was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Indiana Sheriff's Association.

He was born May 29, 1917, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Charles and Mary (William) Howe. He married Harriet Sigsby on April 11, 1960, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Garnett Baughman and Judy Collins, both of Auburn, Delores Clay of Butler and Glenna Howe of West Virginia; three sons, Charles Howe and Junior Howe, both of Butler, and William Howe of Auburn; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Marie Howe; five sisters; and a brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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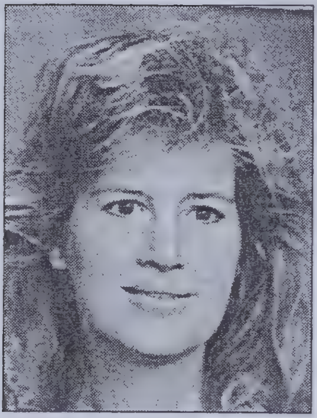

Sarah Gawthrop Smart, 52

COLUMBIA CITY – Sarah Gawthrop Smart, age 52, passed away due to complications of diabetes and kidney failure on September 27, 2006 at Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso, TX. Born on July 3, 1954 in Columbia City, IN, she was the daughter of Roger L. and Phyllis L. (Rose) Gawthrop.

She lived most of her life in Noble County, attended Wolf Lake School and she graduated from Central Noble High School, Albion, IN.

Survivors include a daughter, Hilary Smolek Pacheco of El Paso, TX; 2 granddaughters, Taylor Rose and Alex Marie Pacheco of El Paso, TX; mother, Phyllis Rose Gawthrop of Columbia City; 2 brothers, David (Jana) Gawthrop of Fort Wayne, IN and Phil Gawthrop of Belle Vista, AR; a sister, Lucinda (Jim) Weaver of Grabill, IN. She was preceded in death by her father, Roger L. Gawthrop.

Services were in El Paso, Texas. Memorial bequests may be given to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. 911 E. 86th Street, Suite #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240-1840. To send family condolences, sign the guest register, or to light a memorial candle in Sarah's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Katherine Gangwer, 77

LIGONIER - Katherine O. Gangwer, 77, of Ligonier died at 7:35 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at the home of a daughter in Middlebury.

Mrs. Gangwer was a homemaker and had worked at NISCO in Topeka before retiring in 1991.

She was a member of the Church of Christ in Ligonier.

Mrs. Gangwer enjoyed fishing, hunting mushrooms and working crossword puzzles. She will be remembered for her fun-loving spirit, quick wit and her love of playing table games with her family and friends.

She was born March 25, 1929, in Ligonier to Milo and Katherine (Simmons) Miller. She married Delvin Gangwer on Aug. 23, 1947, in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Randy Gangwer of Goshen; three daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda and Harold Aldrich of Middlebury, Wanda Brown of Albion and Joyce Wheeler of Kirbyville, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Delores Miller of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Bud Woods of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Geri Lyn Gangwer; a grandson, Scott Aldrich; a granddaughter, Gerri Lynn Brown; a great-grandson, Willis Wantz; two brothers, Robert Miller and Quentin Miller; and four sisters, Margaret Poyser, Eloise Arnold, Devona Medsker and Marilyn Wright.

Services were Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Russ Hunsberger of Brenneman Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell at a later date.

Memorials are to Care at Home/Hospice Program of Goshen General Hospital, 200 High park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 11, 2006, Wednesday

Candy Herron Maugherman, 53

CHURUBUSCO — Candy Herron Maugherman, 53, a former resident of Churubusco, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, in the care of her brother and sister-in-law at their home in Eel River Township in Allen County, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for the past year.

Mrs. Maugherman was born in Columbia City on Aug. 2, 1953, to Gene E. and Shirley (Shively) Herron. She spent her formative years in Churubusco, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1971. She had formerly been employed at C&A Tool and Engineering in Churubusco for 10 years.

She married Barney L. Maugherman on June 4, 1994. She and her husband then moved to Fayetteville, Ark. Her husband preceded her in death in January, and she had returned recently to the Churubusco area to be near her family.

She had a strong faith, and enjoyed the television ministry of Joyce Meyer. She enjoyed playing games and journaling.

Surviving are her mother in Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Pepper and Byron Wells of Chicago; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Gene E. Herron Jr. and Todd and Paula Herron, all of Fort Wayne, and Jeffrey and Tammy Herron of Albion; four nephews, Brandon Burelison, Joshua Herron, Jordan Herron and Kyle Herron; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins, including a special aunt and her husband, Anita and Lynn Bair of Churubusco.

She was also preceded in death by her father on Oct. 18, 1989.

Services were Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Scott J. Davis officiating.

Memorials are to Cancer Services, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805 or Joyce Meyer Ministries, P.O. Box 655, Fenton, MO 63026.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Roger L. Hardy, 74

AVILLA - Roger l. Hardy, 74, of Avilla died at 5:51 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He had been ill for the past year.

Mr. Hardy had been an engineer technician for Indiana-Michigan Power Co. for more than 30 years.

He had moved to Avilla in 1977 from LaOtto.

Mr. Hardy had been a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Mr. Hardy enjoyed fishing, gardening, woodworking and being outdoors.

He was born April 4, 1932, in Auburn to Arthur and Harriet (Seery) Hardy. He married Joan Bonville on May 14, 1955. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Michele Hardy and Susan and Dan Collins, all of Butler; a brother, Dean Hardy of Michigan; and four grandchildren, Brett Miller, Michael Hardy, Courtney Hardy and Joanie Hardy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother and sister, Eldon Hardy and Delmar Allison.

Services were Monday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery at Avilla with military graveside services by American Legion Post 240.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 11, 2006, Wednesday

William L. Gorsuch, 83

KIMMELL - William L. "Bill" Gorsuch, 83, of Kimmell died at 4:16 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Gorsuch was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He had been a track foreman and inspector for more than 35 years with the B&O Railroad (now CSX).

Mr. Gorsuch served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243 and St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mr. Gorsuch enjoyed woodworking, gardening and cutting wood.

He was born June 12, 1923, in Noble County to Dale and Almeda (Reeve) Gorsuch. They are deceased. He married Betty F. Butler on April 27, 1946, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. She died June 22, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Johanna Gorsuch of Webster, N.Y.; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Rose Fisel of Albion, Julie and Ron Richey of North Webster, Melody and Rick Frye of Elkhart, and Karen and Clayton Sensibaugh and Gloria and Ken Schuman, all of Ligonier; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Karl and Mary Gorsuch of Kimmell and Roy Dean Gorsuch and his companion Sharon of Ligonier; a sister, Lois Replogle of Kimmell; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier with Father Joachim Quadros officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell with military graveside services by American Legion Post 243.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church or West Noble American Legion Post 243.

Thomas J. Penick, 70

PLEASANT LAKE - Thomas J. Penick, 70, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at his home.

He was born April 3, 1936, in Pleasant Lake to Clarence and Pauline Lepley Penick. He married Barbara Kaufman on Nov. 9, 2003. She survives.

Mr. Penick retired in 1991 after 30 years at International Harvester. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He attended the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and was a member of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Along with his wife, survivors include a son, Rick Penick of Pleasant Lake; stepsons David Cook of Gaston, S.C., and Gary Cook of Rowlett, Texas; a brother, Larry Penick of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Connie Presley of Avilla; a sister-in-law, Janis Penick of Hudson; and a stepgrandchild.

His parents preceded him in death, along with his first wife, Karolena Penick, who died Oct. 9, 1999; a son, Johnie Penick, who died in 1985; and a brother, Clarence Penick Jr., who died in 2005.

Services were Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with military services by the Orland American Legion.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

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Bernadette C. Teders, 90

AVILLA - Bernadette C. Teders, 90, of Avilla died at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Teders had been a homemaker and lifetime Avilla resident.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and its Rosary Sodality. She was also a member of Harvest House and the Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 14, 1916, in DeKalb County to William G. and Gertrude A. (Snider) Meyer. She married Louis H. Teders on June 2, 1938, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died Aug. 22, 1976.

Surviving are five daughters and two sons-in-law, Martha and Jim Mueller of Avilla, Linda and Jerry de Lizer of Deming, N.M., Sister Elaine Teders of New Lenox, Ill., Retha Hollis of Columbia City and Nancy Buckles of Waterloo; two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Betty Teders of Angola and Raymond and Judy Teders of Hartsville, S.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Francis and Theresa Meyer of Avilla; a sister, Agnes Tilbury of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Paul Buckles; four sisters, Evelyn Freeman, Wilma Schmenk, Mildred Fischer and Sister Marie Meyer; and four brothers, Bernard Meyer, Herman Meyer, Edward Meyer and Robert Meyer.

Services were Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Leeuw and Father Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to the ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart or Masses to the church.

Genevieve C. Thompson, 88,

CHURUBUSCO - Genevieve C. "Jenny" Thompson, 88, of Churubusco died at 11:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Thompson had resided at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City since August.

She was a lifetime resident of Churubusco and a graduate of Churubusco High School.

Mrs. Thompson had been a homemaker and member of Beacon Light Chapel.

She was born Nov. 13, 1917, in Churubusco to Elmer and Nellie (Simons) Evans. She married Ralph Thompson on May 6, 1938, in Marion. He died May 4, 1973.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Barbara Thompson of Avilla and Alan and Sharon Thompson of Huntington; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dennis Fisher of Churubusco; a sister, Bette Raypole of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Janet Thompson; a stepdaughter, Wanda Graham; and a sister, Ruby Scott.

Services were Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Nate Harlan of Beacon Light Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Memorials are to Beach Light Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Mom gets probation in drowning

Guzman

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Ligonier woman was sentenced Wednesday in Noble Superior Court to 10 years of probation for her neglect in the drowning death of her 16-month-old daughter.

Superior Court Division 1 Judge Stephen Spindler formally accepted Wednesday the guilty plea Maria M. Guzman, 24, of Ligonier entered Aug. 2 to a charge of neglect of a dependent child causing death, a Class A felony.

Spindler sentenced Guzman to 20 years in prison, all suspended, and placed her on probation for 10 years — the maximum allowed for probation under the law, he said.

Guzman left her 16-month-old daughter, Bianca A. Tapia Guzman, and her 2-year-old daughter in a bathtub while she left to pick up the girl's father, Jose Tapia Vera, on Jan. 7. The older girl then left the tub, and Bianca drowned.

During Wednesday's sentencing, Brenda Sweatland-Snyder, the foster mother for Guzman's older child, testified that she had observed Guzman with her family as a court-appointed visit supervisor.

"It is my opinion that this is a good family," Sweatland-Snyder said. Guzman appears to be a good mother to her children, and the crime appears to have been simply a terrible mistake. "I have not seen neglectful parenting skills," Sweatland-Snyder said.

"I don't feel that punishing her by placing her in prison is going to have any good outcome."

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MOM: *Woman could have received 50 years in prison*

Sweatland-Snyder said.

Northeast Indiana Court Appointed Special Advocates executive director Kristi Bachman, who served as victim's advocate for the hearing, said she has seen many cases where parents intentionally inflict harm on children.

"In the reports I have seen, this did not appear to be an intentional act," Bachman said.

Defense attorney Dan Williams asked those present in support of Guzman to stand to show she had a substantial support system. Most of the gallery stood at the request.

"We don't make decisions of this nature by popular vote," Spindler said.

"The young girl is remorseful. She is going through counseling to deal with the loss of this child," Williams said. He said a Noble County Probation Department report filed in the case suggests Guzman needs counseling more than incarceration.

"What about the interests of the state?" Spindler asked.

"I don't believe that punishment necessarily is always in the best interests of the state," Williams said. "I really don't believe that this lady's going to be back before the court for neglect of a dependent.

"People do make mistakes, and this young lady's made a tragic one," Williams said.

"On Jan. 7, 2006, a 16-month-old died," said Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse. "The death was unnecessary, but it was a crime and it was not accidental."

When Guzman was derelict in her parenting duties, that was a crime under the law, Clouse said. Based on that assessment, he could not ignore the death.

"It was also my assessment that the nature and circumstances of this case demanded that its resolution be decided by either a judge or a jury," Clouse said. "In other words, by the nature of this case I was not going to participate in plea bargaining."

Clouse asked the court to impose a sentence that rehabilitates Guzman and protects her two surviving children, one of whom was born since her Aug. 2 plea hearing.

"I trust the court to give due consideration to not only the victim of this crime, Bianca Aisha Tapia Guzman, but also to the defendant's two remaining children," Clouse said. He asked for no specific sentence.

"Being sorry, of course, is nice, but it does not bring back dead bodies," Spindler said.

That left the question of sentence, Spindler said. "The easy answer is, 'You do the crime, you do the time,' but easy answers aren't always right answers. ... How will any sentence imposed by this court affect the remaining children?"

Spindler said Guzman's elder child is also grieving.

But the crime is a serious one, Spindler said. "If I put her on probation, does that then depreciate the seriousness of her negligence? ... As a result of that criminal negligence, a child lost her life."

Spindler said that the evidence he had heard and read indicated the burden of guilt felt by Guzman is dramatic and that incarcerating her would punish her children as well as her.

"In the final analysis, it's my feeling that I'm unwilling to risk the futures of two innocent kids by taking their mom away at this point," Spindler said to Williams. "These two kids did nothing wrong.

"Of course, the decedent (victim) did nothing wrong, either. There's only one person who did anything wrong, and that's your client."

Spindler accepted the probation department's recommendation of probation only, but set it for the maximum of 10 years instead of a five-year recommendation.

"You'd better live the life of a model citizen," Spindler told Guzman.

At Wednesday's hearing, the state dropped a related charge of neglect of a dependent, a Class D felony, about leaving the 2-year-old unattended in the tub.

Asked for his reaction to the sentence, Clouse said, "We're pleased that she pleaded guilty without a plea agreement. It was appropriate to have a judge or jury resolve this type of case, so we must now accept the sentence that has been entered."

Court documents indicate Guzman had called to her brother, who was at her home at the time, to watch the girls, but he was asleep and did not hear her call.

Guzman faced a possible sentence of 20 to 50 years in prison and a possible fine of up to $10,000 for the Class A felony offense.

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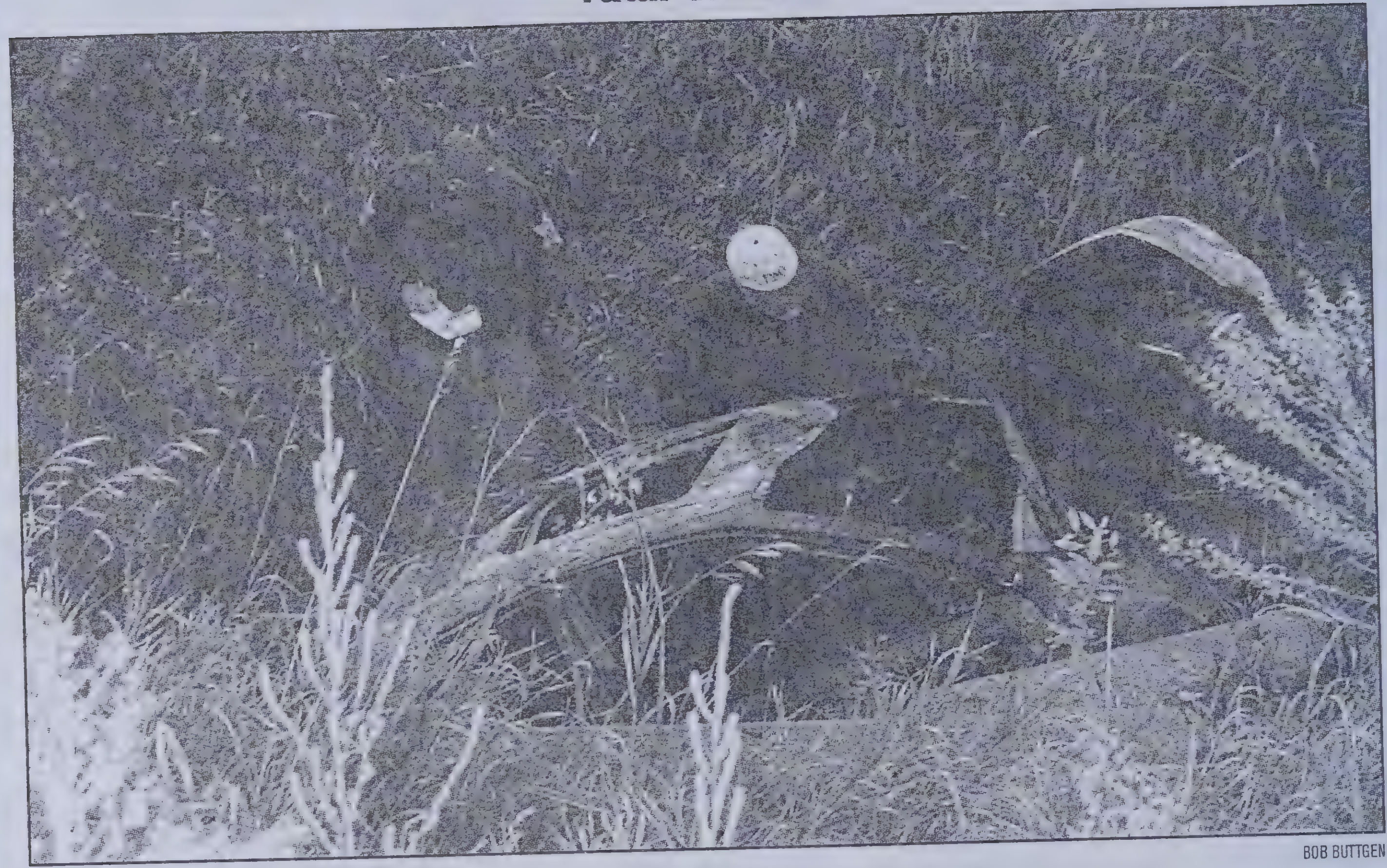
Fatal Crash



BOB BUTTGEN

Noble County Deputy Chris Moriarity, left, and Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff check the burnt remains of the vehicle that crashed on U.S. 33 this morning in southern Noble County, leaving one person dead.

Driver killed in fiery crash

BY MATT GETTS
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MERRIAM — One person was killed in a single-car crash this morning on U.S. 33 between S.R. 9 and C.R. 100E in southern Noble County.

The vehicle, which came to a stop in a ravine, was enveloped in flames when the first officer arrived at the scene. A body partially ejected from the vehicle was "burnt beyond recognition," according to Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Chris Moriarity.

"I can't even tell you if it was a man or woman," Moriarity said.

Investigators, including Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff, were working to identify the body this morning.

Gaff said an autopsy would be performed today, and that dental records would be used to help identify the victim.

Dispatchers at the Noble County Sheriff's Department received two 911 calls at 3:54 a.m. today, one reporting a fire in the area, and another to report a car fire.

When Moriarity arrived at the scene, the vehicle was already ablaze.

"We had flames 20 feet in the air," he said.

According to Moriarity, the heat of the flames made the vehicle impossible to immediately identify. He described it as being a four-door sedan. The bumper where the license plate is attached was melted, as was the engine.

Anything that was not metal was mostly destroyed by the fire, the deputy said.

From his initial investigation, Moriarity said the vehicle was southbound on U.S. 33 when for some reason it went off the south side of the roadway, came back onto the road and went off the north side.

The vehicle ended up in a ravine, laying partially on its top.

"At some point, the vehicle caught fire," Moriarity said.

There were no witnesses to the crash, which remains under investigation.

Police used thermal imaging equipment and cadaver dogs to search the area to ensure there were no other victims.

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Barbara Riemke

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara Jean Riemke, 70, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Riemke

Mrs. Riemke retired in 1995 after nearly 25 years with Kraft Foods.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Riemke was a 1954 graduate of Orland High School.

She enjoyed attending East Noble High School activities, including sporting events and band, show choir and theater performances.

Mrs. Riemke loved spending time with her grandchildren and other family members and traveling with her husband, John, who was mayor of Kendallville for many years.

She was an avid collector of "Gone with the Wind" plates and memorabilia.

She was born Dec. 29, 1935, in Steuben County to Veryl and Edna May (Fast) Shank. She married John W. Riemke on Sept. 11, 1954, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Greg Cordial and Julie and Mike Riehm, all of Kendallville; two sons, Michael Riemke of Granger and Ric and Aimee Riemke of Mishawaka; two brothers, Richard Shank and Monna of Fremont and Dean and Carole Shank of Angola; four grandchildren, Ryan and Elizabeth Cordial and Angie and Matt Riehm, all of Kendallville; a great-granddaughter, Courtney Gail Cooper; and longtime friends, Doris and Steve Likes of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Jason Riehm in May 1988; and a brother, Ralph Shank.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Michael Riemke, Ric Riemke, Greg Cordial, Mike Riehm, Ryan Cordial and Matt Riehm. Honorary pallbearers will be Angie Riehm and Elizabeth Cordial.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with a rosary at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospital Foundation or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mable Parkerson

FORT WAYNE — Mable Geraldine Parkerson, 61, of Las Vegas and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006 in Las Vegas.

She helped her husband build a business, Parkerson Electronics, and she was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Roger, of Las Vegas; two daughters, Kimberly of Garrett and Patricia of Kentucky; a son, David, of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Otis and Joyce Swanagin of Jonesboro, Tenn.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

G. Fred Ellert

ASHLEY — G. Fred Ellert, 88, of Ashley died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2006, at his home.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

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James Witham

LAGRANGE — James L. "LeRoy" Witham, 55, of LaGrange died at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Witham

Mr. Witham had been employed in maintenance at Forest River and owned and operated J&L Small Tool Repair in LaGrange.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Witham was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Nov. 12, 1950, in Kendallville to Ben Harrison and Ester Marie (Wooten) Witham. He married Mona Wolfe on Feb. 2, 1970, in Centreville, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, James R. Witham of LaGrange; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tia and Jeffery Horn of Goshen and Tara and Anthony Green of Elkhart; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Benny and Larell Witham of Niles, Mich., and Cal and Barb Witham and Ron and Judy Witham, all of LaGrange; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and Jim Owen of Albion, Nancy and John Beery of Monticello and Cindy and Jim Brewer of White Pigeon, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Joann.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Larry Troyer of Mount Moriah Worship Center in Goshen officiating. Military rites will follow the service at the funeral home.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

David Alley

AUBURN — David M. Alley, 62, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at his son's home in Auburn after a long illness.

Mr. Alley

Born in Garrett, Mr. Alley was a forklift driver for Rieke Corp. for 37 years, retiring in 2003.

He graduated from Auburn High School. He was a Pittsburgh Steelers NFL fan and enjoyed NASCAR, especially Mark Martin, camping and the outdoors.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Tina Alley of Auburn, three grandchildren, Tawni, Chase Michael and Brayton Alley, all of Auburn; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Lynn and Rex Clifton, Nan and Ron Grable and Tiz and Jerry Pepple, all of Orland.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Ed Grable officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or DeKalb County Hospice.

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Mary Bontrager

MILLERSBURG — Mary Ellen Bontrager, 76, of Millersburg died at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Bontrager was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Feb. 26, 1930, in LaGrange County to John and Elizabeth (Wingard) Schrock. She married Monroe Bontrager on Dec. 21, 1950, in LaGrange County. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Melvin Miller of Hutchinson, Kan., Erma and Marlin Schrock of Shipshewana, Sue and Doug Weaver of Bristol and Irene and Herbert Miller of Millersburg; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Freeman and Mary Bontrager of Millersburg, Harley Bontrager of Morristown, Vernon and Ina Bontrager of Union, Mich., Perry Bontrager of Kendallville and Steve and Joan Bontrager of Millersburg; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Ida Gladstone of Waterford, Mich., Anna Miller of Topeka, Edna and Andy Bontrager of Topeka, Alice Stewart of Phoenix, Ariz., Esther and Rudy Miller of Middlebury and Katie and Daniel Schrock of Goshen; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Cletus and Mary Schrock of Wolcottville, Elmer and Margie Schrock of Ranson, Kan., and Menno Schrock of Nappanee; 41 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, John Bontrager and a stillborn; three grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and two sisters, Beulah Schrock and Wilma Price.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Freeman Bontrager residence, 4525 S. C.R. 1125W, Millersburg, with Bishop Gerald Miller and home ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the Freeman Bontrager residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Marilyn Rawlings

AUBURN — Marilyn Victoria Rawlings, 75, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings had worked in the purchasing department of Mac Tools in Washington Court House, Ohio.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and the New Neighbors and Ladies Literary Club of Auburn. She volunteered at Sunny Meadows Residential Home and DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born Jan. 15, 1931, in Wichita, Kan., to Victor H. and Ruth (Plant) Frisch. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Dan S. Kleeman of Indianapolis; a daughter and son-in-law, Lou Anne and Stephen McGee of South Bend; two stepsons, Adam Rawlings and Damon Rawlings; a brother, David Frisch of Syracuse, N.Y.; a sister and brother-in-law, Gretchen and Fred Brown of Auburn; three grandchildren, Scott Kleeman, Casey McGee and Molly McGee; and a great-grandchild, Ethan Paul Kleeman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn M. Rawlings, and a sister, Dana Grigsby.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery at Richmond.

Memorials are to Sunny Meadows Residential Home, Attn. Kim Pierson, 2315 C.R. 40, Auburn, IN 46706, or the Eckhart Public Library, 603 S. Jackson St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
October 12, 2006, Thursday

Ellis Taylor

WAWAKA — Ellis Loyd Taylor, 68, of Wawaka died at 8:10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Taylor had retired from Walker's, now known as Tenneco, in Ligonier. He had also been employed as the head sawyer for Frick's Sawmill in Brimfield for more than 20 years.

He had attended Wawaka Church of the Brethren in Wawaka.

Mr. Taylor served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Taylor enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, NASCAR, collecting hats and helping others.

He attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and was proud of his accomplishments with AA.

He was born April 9, 1938, in Russellville, Franklin County, Ala., to Robert and Josephine (Logan) Taylor. He married Marilyn Whirledge on Sept. 24, 1971, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Harold Taylor of Alexander City, Ala.; several nieces and nephews; and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lawrence Taylor and Hugh Taylor; and a sister, Doris Jane Taylor.

Services were held this morning at Wawaka Church of the Brethren in Wawaka with the Rev. Verne Leininger of the church officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Brick Cemetery near Millersburg.

Calling was Wednesday at the church.

Memorials will be to Camp Mack for Children, P.O. Box 158, Milford, IN 46542.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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October 13, 2006, Friday

Crash victim ID'd

Churubusco man killed in U.S. 33 crash

BY MATT GETTS
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ALBION — Noble County authorities have identified the victim in Thursday morning's fatal car crash in southern Noble County.

Jason Crance, 25, of Churubusco was killed when his vehicle went off the road and crashed at approximately 3:54 a.m. on U.S. 33 between S.R. 9 and C.R. 100E, according to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff.

From his initial investigation, Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Chris Moriarity said the vehicle was southbound on U.S. 33 when for some reason it went off the south side of the roadway, came back onto the road and went off the north side.

The vehicle ended up in a ravine, laying partially on its top.

When Moriarity arrived at the scene, the vehicle was already ablaze.

"We had flames 20 feet in the air," he said.

According to Moriarity, the heat of the flames made the vehicle impossible to immediately identify. He described it as being a four-door sedan. The bumper where the license plate is attached was melted, as was the engine.

Anything that was not metal was mostly destroyed by the fire, the deputy said.

The partially-ejected body had been "burnt beyond recognition," according to Moriarity.

David Nissen

FORT WAYNE — David Marvin Nissen, 81, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Nissen had moved to this area 20 years ago from California.

He was retired from the aircraft industry as a machinist in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Mr. Nissen was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born Jan. 24, 1925, in Oconomowoc, Wis., to Lester and Ruth (Anstey) Nissen. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Kelly Nissen of Sacramento, Calif.; a son, Charles David Nissen of California; a sister, Gloria Fryback of New Haven; and a brother, Charles Nissen of Wawaka.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Ramona Gard.

Graveside services were today at Orange Cemetery near Rome City with military rites by Francis Vinyard Post 2749 Veteran of Foreign Wars.

There is no calling.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

William Holt

KENDALLVILLE — William Joe Holt, 65, of Kendallville died Thursday at the home of his daughter in Kendallville.

Mr. Holt had been a factory worker and was last employed at P&J Industries in Ligonier.

He was a member of Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Rome City.

He was born March 31, 1941, in Wayne County, Tenn., to Raymond O'Dell and Lillie Mae (West) Holt. He married Barbara Jeanne Clark on Jan. 3, 1967, in Florence, Ala. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughter, Joetta M. Holt of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Betty Holt of Iron City, Tenn.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary and Bill Darby of Trinity, Texas, Betty Lou and Frankie Vickery of Florence and Ruth Leard of New Orleans, La.; and two grandchildren, Tony Patrick and Shanoa Patrick, both of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a son and a daughter.

Services will be in Iron City, Tenn., with burial in Cromwell Crossroads Cemetery in Lutts, Tenn.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of local arrangements.

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Lorraine Smith

ANGOLA — Lorraine A. Smith, 78, Angola, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, its Martha Circle and the Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born Dec. 26, 1927, in Hammond to Edward and Ella (Ehlert) Gnass. On Oct. 16, 1948, she married Charles Q. Smith in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dale Q. Smith of Angola; a daughter, Beverly Van Westen of Angola; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, with the Rev. David Doane officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 12:30-2 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to Mooseheart, Calvary Lutheran Church or an organization of the donor's choice.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Gertie Mortorff

FORT WAYNE — Gertie Mortorff, 72, Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Henry Jr. and Berneda Smith.

She was a former Hamilton resident who with her husband operated the What Not Shop at the site of the present Baby Boomers restaurant in Hamilton. She was a member of the Hamilton Pythian Sisters and had retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola.

Surviving are her husband, Lynn of Auburn; three stepdaughters; a son and his family; three sisters; seven brothers; grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and three sisters-in-law, including Leora Johnson of Hamilton.

Her parents, a sister and five brothers preceded her in death.

Services were Oct. 6 at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Burial was in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Nellie Rynearson

AUBURN — Nellie Rynearson, 89, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Margery Miller

AUBURN — Margery L. Miller of Auburn died Thursday morning, Oct. 12, 2006, at her home.

Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn.

George Ellert

ASHLEY — George "Fred" Ellert, 88, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at his home in rural Ashley.

Mr. Ellert worked at Dana Corp. for 23 years, retiring in 1980. He also was retired from farming in Smithfield Township.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and its Harvest House, the Loyal Order of Moose in Angola and the Kendallville Eagles.

He was born July 17, 1918, in Ashley to Michael and Amelia (Blomeke) Ellert.

He marred Rosemary Hoffelder on Jan. 27, 1945, in St. Michael's Catholic Church. She died Oct. 10, 1955.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Anne M. and Steven Braun of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Stephanie Braun, Mary Braun and Carol Deakins and her husband, Jeremiah; and two great-grandchildren, Joel and Preston Deakins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Pauline Gase and Helen Ellert.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo. Father Phil Schneider will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m., with a rosary service at 6 p.m., at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Masses to the church or to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Nellie Rynearson

AUBURN — Nellie M. Rynearson, 89, of Auburn, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rynearson was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 22, 1916, in Garrett to John and Minnie (Painter) Hurd. They preceded her in death.

She married Hugh E. Rynearson on July 24, 1940, in Garrett. He died Aug. 22, 1994.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Herb and Mical Rynearson of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Judy Collingsworth of Auburn and Gloria and Ron Schoenecker of Parma, Ohio; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, James Collingsworth, a sister and three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Margery Miller

AUBURN — Margery L. Miller, 90, of Auburn, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn.

Born in rural DeKalb County, Mrs. Miller was a custodian at DeKalb Middle School for six years, retiring in 1981. She also had worked as a housekeeper at the Starlight Motel from 1967 to 1975. She served Meals on Wheels for more than 20 years and was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are her husband, Howard J. Miller of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, G. and Dr. Robert Edwards of Auburn and Nina and Hugh Callison of Katy, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, George A. and Carolyn Miller of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert C. McInturf of Fresno, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Homer McInturf; and four sisters, Leona McInturf, Marie I. Blevins, Juanita G. McClellan and Irene Peters.

Services will be today at 2:30 p.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

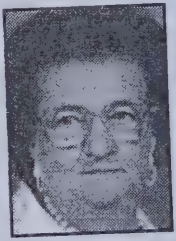
Calling will be from 1-2:30 p.m. today at the church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Dorothy Donahue

ANGOLA — Dorothy A. Donahue, 84, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Donahue was retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 40 years.



Mrs. Donahue

She was born in Noble County on April 23, 1992, to Arthur and Margaret (Kugler) Whan.

Mrs. Donahue enjoyed cooking, bird watching, flower gardening and was an IU basketball fan.

Surviving are a son, Duane Donahue of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Andreana Donahue of Las Vegas, Nev. and Anthony Donahue of Reno, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Virginia Kresse and Phyllis Balliet.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at Perry Township Cemetery in Huntertown.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Association or to Ovarian Cancer National Alliance.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Leaders was champion for youth

ANDY BARRAND

Lorna Leaders, seated far right, was a driving force behind youth pod Forever Improving Steuben County Together. Pictured with Leaders in a FIST group photo taken in September are, seated from left, Pam harger, Justin McKnight, Logan Reidenbach, David Zimmer, Dailie Allen and Mrs. Leaders; and standing, from left, Colby Shank, Allison Hall, Courtney Poor, Nic Hochstedler, Cassie Folck, Aaron Kaufman, Lauren Coleman, Joshua Quandt, Morgan Moore, Annie Kaufman, Lindsay Ryan and Laurie Sellers.

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LAGRANGE — Lorna Leaders knew and worked with a lot of people.

A woman with a wide smile, twinkling eyes, a booming voice and a hearty, infectious laugh, it was always obvious how much she loved them all. But there was definitely a special place in Lorna's heart for her "FIST'ers" — the high school students who were involved in Forever Improving Steuben County Together, a youth pod she was charged with directing and developing as part of her job as the program officer for the Steuben County Community Foundation.

"She would always talk about this person or that person; she would throw names all over the place and she was so happy and proud that she knew all these people," said Marjorie Booth of Orland, one of Lorna's four daughters. "But she was really, really proud of her FIST'ers."

The students that are now and have in the past been part of that youth pod were left reeling by Lorna's death on Oct. 7. Although she had been diagnosed with colon cancer on June 30, Lorna was determined to beat the disease and never once let herself or anyone else think her illness was getting her down.

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"FIST will remember Lorna for her continuous dedication to our organization. Without her leadership and inspiration, we would not be in the position we are in today," said Colby Shank, a junior from Hamilton High School who Lorna referred to as "my computer whiz kid. "Also, Lorna always had faith in whatever we did. It was that belief in us that gave us confidence and allowed us to succeed."

Sharon Stroh, president and chief executive officer of the Steuben County Community Foundation, said she and SCCF administrative assistant Sandy Ferrell are also struggling with Lorna's death.

"She's left a big hole," Stroh said sadly. "You just don't replace Lorna. You miss her and you realize what her contribution was. She had been sick, but she had such an incredible outlook. She'd had surgery and she felt so much better … she thought a true miracle had happened. And because she thought that, we all believed it, too."

Lorna's death wasn't a result of her cancer. Although it's not been determined conclusively, doctors believe Lorna died after she got some sort of infection from or had a reaction from the chemotherapy she was undergoing.

Stroh said the outpouring of love from past and present members of FIST would have meant the world to Lorna.

"The things they said at her funeral … it wasn't sad or sappy. It was beautiful and honest," she said.

Angola High School graduate Brittany Bassett and Hamilton High School graduates Taryn Knox and Jeremy Stackhouse, all FIST alumni, gave eulogies at Lorna's funeral

"Lorna has left behind a legacy that will be lived on through the Dekko Foundation, the community foundation, and FIST, but most of all, her family," said the words read by Brittany and Taryn, who worked together to create a tribute. "On behalf of past and current FIST members we want to thank Lorna's family for sharing her with us. Your understanding allowed Lorna to give so much of her time to make FIST one of the most outstanding youth pods in the Dekko Foundation. We achieved this exceptional reputation because of Lorna … Lorna was able to direct us because you supported her passion. Everyone here today knows that Lorna would always go above and beyond to show the ones she loved how much she cared for them. As a FIST member, or as she would say a FIST'er, I personally experienced Lorna's drive and determination of how important it is to have a 'true' giving spirit."

Lorna's passing doesn't mean the members of FIST will ever forget her vision for what the youth pod was all about

"Everyone at FIST is determined more than ever to help others in the community," Colby said. "We know that is what Lorna would had wanted us to do. Basically, Lorna inspired us. Although she had a number of health ailments, she always had time to help others. Personally, I'd describe her as having a look of exhausted enthusiasm … you knew she was physically tired, but she kept on going because she absolutely loved what she did."

Stroh said she will remember her friend and co-worker — who she had worked with since 1997 — as a woman of fierce character and spirit.

"Her daughter kept introducing me to people as Lorna's boss," Sharon said with a chuckle. "I finally said, 'I worked with Lorna … but no one bossed her.'"

The community foundation began in 1994. Sharon came onboard in 1996, and Lorna came less than a year later. It was only the two of them for a long time, and Sharon said Lorna's tireless efforts and enthusiasm will never be forgotten.

"When you start out at an organization that's young, like Lorna and I did, you morph into your job," she said. "Lorna and I never could have known what youth and philanthropy would have meant to this community and how large the foundation would grow. She was such an integral part of that … she truly became her job."

Brittany said losing Lorna is something that will take her a long time to get past.

"When Taryn and I learned

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of Lorna's passing, we said over and over, if only we would've had one more day to share with Lorna," she said. "But then as we talked, we soon realized that one more day still would not have been enough."

Maybe not, but Brittany said she's pretty sure what Lorna's advice would have been.

" Lorna would have told us to be thankful for the time we did have together," she said.

Taryn read the final passage in the eulogy she and Brittany wrote.

"Lorna had a vision and she always encouraged us to think beyond today," she said. "And with the true spirit of Lorna here today, Brittany and I encourage everyone to make Lorna proud and dream big."

Marjorie said she wants people to think of her mother and be happy.

"I would want people to remember her smile," she said. "She was a positive thinker and she was so happy."

No matter what.

"The day she was diagnosed with cancer, she was thanking the doctors and nurses. She thanked the person who wheeled her out in a wheelchair," Marjorie said, tears creeping into a happy voice that was so reminiscent of her mother's. "She was so sick, but she always had energy and was very strong. Like she did everything else, she handled cancer with strength and courage. She knew she had cancer and she knew it was bad, but she didn't let it break her. My mother was happy … right up until the end."

Aneata Whitlock

AUBURN — Aneata M. "GaGa" Whitlock, 98, of Auburn died Oct. 13, 2006, at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She worked at the Messenger Corp. in Auburn and then for the Auburn Rubber Company before becoming a full-time homemaker.

She was a member of the Guys and Gals Square Dancing Club.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1908, in Steuben County to Milo and Sadina (Brandberry) Nickols.

She married Donald B. Whitlock on March 22, 1924, in Steuben County. He preceded her in death on July 31, 1986.

Surviving are one daughter, Charolette J. Wallace of Auburn; two grandchildren, Jon and Robin Wallace of Butler and Doneata Fritz of Auburn; five great-grandchildren; and 12 great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Edwin B. Wallace; four sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 5-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Arthur Yanke

HOWE — Arthur A. Yanke, 79, of Howe died at 4:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006.

Mr. Yanke was an accomplished wood craftsman who enjoyed working in his yard along with spending time with his family.

He was a forklift driver for Skyline Industries before retiring after 25 years.

He was born in Ontario on Aug. 25, 1928, to Arthur and Leona (Harding) Yanke.

He married Marie L. Mobley in Angola in 1950. She survives in Ontario.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth Yanke of LaGrange and Joseph Yanke of Ontario; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Byron Kline of Howe and Linda and Richard Sanders of Sugar Grove, Pa.; one brother, Robert Yanke of Michigan; and one sister, Dorothy Peterson of Michigan City.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry; two sisters, Marie and Florence; and a son, David Arthur Yanke.

Services will be 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Pastor Dale Hicks of Ontario Church officiating. Burial will be at the Ontario Cemetery in Ontario.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange.

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Richard Spieth

MONROEVILLE — Richard E. Spieth, 71, of Monroeville died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

He had retired from Navistar in 1985 after 30 years of service. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2457 of New Haven, the American Legion, the United Auto Workers No. 98, the Navy Club, Masonic Lodge No. 740 of New Haven and the New Haven Conservation Club. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1952-1955.

He was born Nov. 1, 1934, in Monroeville to Kenneth and Dorothy (Sites) Spieth. He was married for 48 years to Mary L. Spieth, who preceded him in death on March 16.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly A. and Michael Tons of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregg R. and Shelley Spieth of Monroeville; a sister and brother-in-law, Jack and Barbara A. Garver of Cameron Park, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Brittany Johnson and her husband, Kenneth, Stephanie Tons, Ashley Spieth and Halie Spieth.

A sister, Pat Densel, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville, with the Rev. William Smith officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, and from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

The Monroeville American Legion and VFW posts will conduct graveside military rites. Memorials are to the Monroeville EMS or the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home. Condolences can be e-mailed to www.zwickjahn.com.

Wayne Brayton

LAGRANGE — Wayne N. Brayton, 82, of LaGrange and formerly of South Bend and Wolcottville died at 6:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Brayton had lived most of his life in South Bend.

He had retired as a firefighter from the South Bend Fire Department after 28 years of service. Following his retirement, he and his wife moved to Wolcottville.

Mr. Brayton was a 1942 graduate of John Adams High School in South Bend and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He was born Aug. 15, 1924, in LaPorte to Clarence and Elsie (Arndt) Brayton. He married Donna E. Marker on Dec. 10, 1944, in South Bend. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis and Judy Brayton of South Bend and Dean Brayton of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Helen Huffmaster of Salt Lake City, Utah; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Joann Brayton of Bristol; two granddaughters, Kimberly Brayton and Heather Adams; and a great-grandson, Spencer Adams.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Palmer Funeral Home — River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend. Burial will be in St. Jospeh Valley Memorial Park in Granger.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 535 W. Edison Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Ruth Teeters

AUBURN — Ruth A. Teeters, 98, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Teeters was a lifetime farmer. She also worked at Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett for two years. She then worked for Feagler Decorating Service in Auburn for seven years and at the Lords Dress Shop in Auburn for five years. She was a former member of Maple Grove Church in Waterloo.

She was born April 6, 1908, in rural DeKalb County to John O. and Bertha A. (Wimer) Souder. They preceded her in death.

She married Washington O. Teeters on June 18, 1930, in DeKalb County. He died Aug. 15, 1986.

Surviving are three nephews and their wives, Dr. William Souder and Edith Souder of Gurley, Ala., Roger and Susan Souder of Auburn and Dr. Mark Souder and Bonnie Souder of Auburn; one niece and her husband, Melony and Randy Ramsey of Lafayette; 12 great-nephews and 13 great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Willis Souder and Paul Souder, and one sister, Esther Springer.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ronald Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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C. Dale Ryan

ANGOLA — C. Dale Ryan, 58, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2006, at 7:52 a.m. at his Angola home.

He was president of the Angola Kids League for the past 14 years, developing athletic opportunities for thousands of Steuben County children and expanding athletic opportunities for girls and special needs kids. He sponsored community works and co-created the Angola Kids League Scholarship Program.

He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at Tri-State University, working then as a national sales manager in Atlanta and as a business owner in Indiana. He also organized and instructed adult education and worked in insurance sales, receiving several sales awards.

He was a past or current member of the Moose and Elks lodges, Pleasant View Church of Christ and various military associations. He attended Fairview Missionary Church with his family.

He was a captain in the U.S. Army as a combat officer in the special forces in Vietnam. A disabled veteran, he earned three Purple Hearts, three Bronze Stars, the Silver Star and the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. As a civilian, he received the U.S. Army's second-highest honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, from then-President Lyndon Johnson during a ceremonial dinner at the White House.

He was born May 27, 1948, iin Kokomo to M. Pauline and C. Dale Ryan Sr. of Kokomo.

Surviving along with his mother are his wife, Annette (Thomson) Ryan; a daughter, Rachel Annette Ryan of Angola, a Purdue sophomore; a son, Nathan Thomson Vermeulen of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a brother, Roger Ryan of Russiaville; a sister, Paula Jones of Fishers; a foster sister, Sue Gifford of Kokomo; and many in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, relatives, neighbors and friends.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church. There will be no calling.

Mr. Ryan had requested no flowers. Memorials are to the Rachel A. Ryan Education Fund, First Federal Savings Bank of Angola, 212 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703 by mail, at 665-7556 by phone or by stopping by the bank. Memorials will also be received at the family home at 405 E. Stocker St., Angola, IN 46703.

Siler Funeral Service in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Pierce

KENDALLVILLE — Gladys L. Pierce, 95, died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Mrs. Pierce had been a member of the Rockettes in New York and had appeared in movies in Hollywood in the early 1930s.

She was born March 11, 1911, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Harry and Louise (Mueller) Schoener. She married Edward Pierce on Dec. 7, 1941, in Washington, D.C. He died in 1962.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Michael McKinley of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Ransford and Donna Pierce of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church Daycare or Preschool.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Frank Tropp

MONGO — Frank L. Tropp, 81, of Mongo died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at the home of his daughter in Auburn.

Mr. Tropp had been a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He had retired as a driver for Gateway Transportation after 28 years of service.

Mr. Tropp was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423.

He was born April 30, 1925, in LaGrange to Perry and Bernice (Wilson) Tropp. He married June E. Peppers on Sept. 18, 1948, in Mongo. She died Dec. 14, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters Pam Helland of Auburn and Darien Tropf of Indianapolis; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stan and Jean Tropp of Wolcottville and Tim and Amy Tropp of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jane and Kenneth Clemons of Angola; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Perry Tropp Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery in Howe with military rites by Orland American Legion Post 423.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Kidney Fund.

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Betty Neely

JESUP, Iowa — Betty A. Hill Neely, 84, of Jesup, Iowa, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at the Buchanan County Health Center-Long Term Care Unit at Independence, Iowa, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Neely

She was born July 28, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Oran Henry Leavell and Blanche Elizabeth Lyons.

She married Homer I. Hill on June 28, 1940, in Byron, Ind. He died March 25, 1980. She then married Robert H. Neely Sr. on Sept. 8, 1985, in Harlan. He died in 1992.

She moved to Jesup, Iowa, in 1995 and made her home near Littleton, Iowa.

She was a homemaker, and before retirement she had worked in the automobile industry as an electronic parts fabricator.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Homer "Leroy" and Kathleen Hill of Westin, Ohio, John S. and Joyce Hill of Boone, Iowa, and Ralph E. "Gene" and Beverly Hill of Jesup, Iowa; 23 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, John Leavell of Fort Wayne, Fred and Kathy Leavell of Hicksville, Ohio, and Carl and Betty Leavell of Waterloo, Iowa; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rose Battenberg of California, Elsie and Walter Love of Harlan and Mary and Robert Brown of Garrett; two stepsons and their wives, Robert Jr. and Marsha Neely of Fort Wayne and Larry and LaVone Neely of Yoder; five stepgrandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Ruth Ard, Hazel Thomas, Elberta Lindabury and Anna Mae Adams, and three grandsons, Danny Hill, Jeremy Hill and Anthony Hill.

Services were Monday in White Funeral Home at Jesup, Iowa.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Scipio Cemetery near Harlan. The Rev. Pat Fullbright will officiate. Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan will handle arrangements.

Memorials are to the family. Online condolences may be left at white-mthope.com.

Mae Imes

KENDALLVILLE — Mae Evelyn Imes, 87, of Kendallville died Monday afternoon at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Pauline Ewell

CROMWELL — Pauline M. Ewell, 92, of Cromwell died at 3:15 a.m. today, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse where she had been a resident since Oct. 4.

Funeral arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Stanley Poeppel

BIG TURKEY LAKE — Stanley W. Poeppel, 59, of Big Turkey Lake died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Poeppel

Mr. Poeppel was born in Fort Wayne, and moved to Big Turkey Lake three years ago. He was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Stroh, and was the president of Big Turkey Lake Improvement Association.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam war and was a member of American Legion Post No. 423, Orland. He retired in 2001 after 33 years with Consolidated Freightways. He also had worked for TMX and Professional Track Services.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy Poeppel of Hudson; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Matthew Poeppel of Fort Wayne and Mark and Candace Poeppel of Leo; a stepson, Michael Evans of Alexandria, La.; two grandchildren, Justin and Morgan; his father, Frederick Poeppel of Fort Wayne; his mother-in-law, Shirley Bailey of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; and his former wife, Cheryl Poeppel of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Poeppel in 2002.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. Calling will be 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens with military honors by members of the U.S. Army and American Legion Post No. 423.

Memorials are to the Kid's Fishing Tournament at Big Turkey Lake.

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Mary Baird

GOSHEN — Mary Louise Baird, 87, of Goshen died at 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Rosewood Terrace in Elkhart.

Mrs. Baird

Mrs. Baird had been a homemaker and had worked as a manufacturing scheduler for United Technology in Marion.

She was a member of the Marion Women's Bowling Association.

She was born Dec. 26, 1918, in Clay County to James and Mary Margaret (Smith) Brown. She married Emerson Clark Baird in 1934 in Clay County. He died July 16, 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Phyllis Stanley of Middlebury; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and a sister, Mildred Lake of Muncie.

She was also preceded in death by three sons, James, Gary and Charles Baird; five sisters, Mable Sharp, Martha Ring, Audrey Brown, Clara Odom and Glenn Dora Sutton; and four brothers, Herman, Alza, Truman and Olin Brown.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Marcus Combs officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Cemetery in Marion.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Jason Smith

MIDDLEBURY — Jason A. "Smitty" Smith, 27, of Middlebury died at 4:16 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, in Elkhart.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith had lived most of his life in the Middlebury area.

He was a maintenance group leader at Pilgrim International in Middlebury where he had been employed three years.

Mr. Smith had attended Concord High School. He enjoyed playing golf, playing guitar, traveling, four-wheeling, meeting new people and having fun.

He was born Nov. 17, 1978, in Goshen to Terry Lee and Sandra Kay (Beard) Smith. They survive in Middlebury.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Melisa and James Fisher of Elkhart; a brother, Joseph Smith of Middlebury; grandparents, Albert and Shirley Smith of Middlebury, Shirley Beard of Goshen and Harry Beard of Goshen.

There are no services scheduled.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. The family requests that callers dress casually.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Elmer Meinzen

ALBION — Elmer F. Meinzen, 90, of Big Lake in Noble County and formerly of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Meinzen was a World War II Army veteran who had been awarded the Bronze Star.

He had retired from Broadview Lumber Co. in 1980.

Mr. Meinzen was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

He was born Oct. 20, 1915, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Hobkirk of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; two sisters, Esther Landrum and Vera Stevens; and four brothers, Norman, Lester, Leonard and Edward Meinzen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor James Haugen officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

Roy Collins

TURKEY LAKE — Roy Lee Collins, 83, of Turkey Lake died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Collins was born in Deerfield on June 30, 1923, to Roe and Verna (Ray) Collins. He was married to Betty Foster Collins for 64 years, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked at the Portland Forge as a foreman.

He was a member of Lodge No. 236 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Angola, York Rite Chapter No. 58 and Yeoman of York, Angola; Commandry No. 45 of Bryan, Ohio; and past honorary commander and 50-year member of the Eagles Lodge in Portland.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Diana Collins of Portland; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Clarence Imel of Portland; four grandchildren and their spouses, Angela Hayden of Fort Wayne, Tammy and Alan Austin of Cambridge City, Donnie and Casey Collins of Indianapolis and Eric and Laura Collins of McCordsville; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Jerry Collins.

Services have been held.

Burial was in Reitenour Cemetery, Ridgeville.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were handled by MJS Mortuaries, Ridgeville Chapel.

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Man gets 30 years in sword killing

WARSAW, Ind. (AP) — A man who admitted killing his mother by stabbing her 11 times with a sword was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Tyler S. Smith, 20, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter for attacking 53-year-old Rene Smith with a 2-foot-long sword during an argument at the family's home on Feb. 23. Kosciusko County prosecutors dropped a murder charge against Smith as part of the plea agreement.

Smith's father testified during Tuesday's court hearing that he had asked his son to watch his mother, who was a diabetic who had lost most of her sight and suffered from a painful nerve disorder along with depression and fits of anger.

Ronald Smith said his wife often tried to strike and bite both him and Tyler Smith at their home near Lake Wawasee about 35 miles northwest of Fort Wayne.

“We all loved Rene. I hate to say bad things about her, but we're not talking about Rene here,” he said. “I feel bad because I put Tyler in that situation.”

Defense attorney David Charles Kolbe sought a shorter sentence, arguing that Rene Smith provoked her son.

“She was pain crazy, and she lashed out at those around her,” Kolbe said. “He killed his mother when he was driven over the edge.”

over the edge.

Prosecutor R. Steven Hearn said that while the circumstances were tragic, he had given Smith the benefit of the doubt by agreeing to the voluntary manslaughter plea.

“The person that paid the ultimate price in this event was Rene,” Hearn said.

The 30-year sentence ordered by Circuit Judge Rex L. Reed was recommended in the plea deal.

David Nelson

SHIPSHEWANA — Funeral services for David Hadley Nelson, 44, of Shipshewana will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Douglas Community Church in Douglas, Mich. Burial will be in the memorial garden at the church.

Mr. Nelson died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had lived in the Shipshewana area for the past two years.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Christopher and Jennifer Nelson of Middlebury; and a sister, Wendy Lynn Nelson of Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Krinn

GARRETT — Kenneth B. Krinn, 57, of Garrett died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Krinn was a former member of the Garrett Elks Lodge.

He was born Jan. 31, 1949, in Allen County to Orest and Alice (Hadley) Krinn. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary K. Watson on April 20, 2006, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, Bradley Krinn; a daughter, Jennifer Miller; two brothers, Jerry Krinn and Terry Krinn; and one sister, Ramona Hinders.

There will be no services or calling. Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

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Franklin Cole

GARRETT — Franklin R. Cole, 90, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Cole

Mr. Cole was a lifelong Garrett resident. He served as a Garrett Police officer for 13 years and retired as a custodian at St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

Mr. Cole was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett Eagles, Garrett American Legion Post 178 and Knights of Columbus.

He was born Oct. 28, 1915, to Albert and Nova (Biddle) Cole.

On June 12, 1937, he married Kathlyn Redmond. She died Sept. 8, 1991.

He married Phyllis Foltz Custer on Aug. 22, 1992. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, James L. and Diana Cole of Bluffton, Joseph A. and Bonnie Cole of Garrett and John A. and Pam Cole of Springboro, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Dean A. and Joanne Betts of Corunna; a stepson and his wife, Jerry W. and Lois Custer of Garrett; 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A brother, Lowell "Tony" Cole, preceded him in death on Sept. 22, 2006.

Services will be Friday at noon in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Ted Uwakwe officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m., and Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Evelyn Imes

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn Imes, 87, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Imes

Mrs. Imes was a homemaker and had been employed with Chronister Drug Store for 35 years.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and made the baptismal napkins for the church for many years.

Mrs. Imes loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sewing, knitting, gardening and watching "The Lawrence Welk Show" on television.

She was a member of the Ryan's Place Auxiliary in Goshen.

She was born May 14, 1919, in Los Angeles to Julius and Mabel (Huffman) Mueller. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1937,

She married Warren A. Imes on Oct. 20, 1940, in Kendallville. He died Dec. 25, 1969.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and W. Rex Gleim of Bristol; two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Cheryl Imes of Muncie and David and Kathy Imes of Indian Hills, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Frederick and Evelyn Miller of Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and Roger Woodcock and Jean and Edwin Smith, all of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Derrick Imes, Marisa Delaney, Damon Gleim, Shelby Imes, Michael Imes, Shawn Imes and Abigail Imes; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Ryan Gleim, in 1992.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are in memory of her grandson, Ryan, to Ryan's Place ... A Center for Grieving Children and Teens, P.O. Box 73, Goshen, IN 46527.

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Janeen King

ALBION — Janeen A. King, 70, of Albion and formerly of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at her home on Skinner Lake.

Mrs. King

Mrs. King retired in 1998 from ITT Aerospace and had previously worked at General Electric. After her retirement, she enjoyed traveling and lake living on Skinner Lake.

She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile.

Mrs. King was an avid bowler, golfer and loved playing cards. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed spending time with her grandsons.

She was born April 18, 1936, in Fort Wayne.

Survived are her husband of 52 years, Thomas T. King; a daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Aaron Stovall of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Dr. Angie King of Rome City; grandsons, Austin, Noah and Seth; a brother, Michael Kelley of Indianapolis; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Steve Schulte of South Orange, N.J.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rachel Kelley, and a sister, Patricia Kruse.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 333 N. Oak St., Suite K, Columbia City, IN 46725 or Shriners Hospital for Children 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707.

Pauline Ewell

CROMWELL — Pauline M. Ewell, 92, of Cromwell died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Ewell had been a homemaker and had moved to Cromwell in 1955 from South Milford.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Cromwell.

She was born Dec. 10, 1923, in Kendallville to Frank and Bertha (Kiebel) Kline. She married Lloyd Ewell and he died in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Duane Ewell, and his companion, Kathy; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Jack Stroh of Coldwater, Mich.; four grandsons and their spouses, Doug and Shannon Ewell, Dustin Ewell, David and Sallie Stroh and Gary and Susan Stroh; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Sister Elsie Fregeau of Calvary Lutheran Church in Cromwell officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Cromwell-Sparta Township Fire Department.

Kenneth Parks

WARSAW — Kenneth D. Parks, 97, of Warsaw died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mr. Parks had been a farmer and retired in 1976 after serving 15 years as a custodian for Warsaw School Corp. He had also served as Prairie Township Trustee in Kosciusko County from 1950-1958.

He was a 1927 graduate of Leesburg High School and a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Atwood.

Mr. Parks had played in various bands for many years, including the American Legion Band, and with his own band, Kay's Orchestra, for 15 years.

He was born Jan. 28, 1909, in Kosciusko County to Walter C. and Nettie (Kintzel) Parks. He married Cecile J. Hartman on April 5, 1931. She died Nov. 3, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kent and Sandra Parks of Silver Lake; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol and Keith Hoffer of Atwood, Sherry and Gerald Smalley of Beaver Dam and Annis Tom of Topeka; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Atwood with the Rev. Milton Gould officiating. Burial will be in Leesburg Cemetery, Leesburg.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, C/O Rev. Milton Gould, 2415 Grandview Drive, Warsaw, IN 46582.

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Freeman Miller

LAGRANGE — Freeman D. Miller, 70, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past seven years.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Oct. 14, 1936, in LaGrange County to Daniel and Clara (Lambright) Miller. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Topeka. He married Mary Miller on Nov. 12, 1959. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and David Yoder of Goshen; seven sons and six daughters-in-law, Glen and Carolyn Miller and Christy and Kathryn Miller, all of Topeka, Ernest and Sue Miller and Joseph and Rose Miller, all of Shipshewana, Omer and Naomah Miller and Orla and Kathryn Miller, all of LaGrange, and Daniel Miller of Goshen; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Orla and Betty Miller of Goshen and Christ and Katie Miller of Topeka; a sister and brother-in-law, Katie and Vernon Bontrager of Topeka; 43 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Fannie Nissley and Leanna Hochstetler.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the family home with Bishop John Mishler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Bernadette Schlink

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Bernadette L. Schlink, 82, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Hope Hospice Home in Fort Myers.

She was a homemaker and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, rural Waterloo.

She was born Aug. 23, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Jared and Louise (Wertzerber) Reed. They preceded her in death.

She married Bernon E. Schlink on July 21, 1945, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. He survives in Fort Myers.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Carie Schlink of Auburn; two daughters, Catherine Schlink of Houston, Texas, and Linda Houdyshell of Bowling Green, Ky.; a sister, Agnes Schnelker of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Dorothy Waller

Mrs. Waller

FREMONT — Dorothy G. Waller, 55, of Fremont and formerly of Newport, Ky., died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, in Fremont.

Mrs. Waller was born July 22, 1951, in Covington, Ky., to William Edward Sr. and Louise Florence (Navarre) Russell. She was married to Samuel E. Waller in Newport on March 4, 1977. He survives.

She was a homemaker. She enjoyed video games, card games and shopping.

Also surviving are two sisters, Bonnie Yvonne Waller of Petersburg, Ky., and Julia Peggie Richardson of Dayton, Ky.; two brothers, William Edward Russell Jr. of Newport and Gary Lee Russell of Columbus, Ohio; two half-brothers, Harry Joseph Ahr of Newport and Steven Earl Ahr of Fort Pierce, Fla.; 12 nieces, 10 nephews, 18 great-nieces and 21 great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Roseanne Russell.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Association for the Blind.

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Barbara Jean Riemke, 70

KENDALLVILLE – Barbara Jean Riemke, age 70, died Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Riemke was born in Steuben County on December 29, 1935 to Veryl Norman and Edna May (Fast) Shank.

She graduated from Orland High School in 1954 and married John W. Riemke on September 11, 1954 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola.

She was employed with Kraft Foods almost 25 years retiring in November 1995.

Mrs. Riemke was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. She enjoyed attending East Noble High School activities including band and sporting events, show choir and theatre.

Mrs. Riemke loved spending time with her grandchildren and family and also loved traveling with her husband. She was also an avid collector of "Gone With The Wind" plates and memoribilia.

Survivors include: husband, John Riemke, former mayor of Kendallville and former Albion town manager, of Kendallville; daughters, Karen and Greg Cordial of Kendallville, daughter, Julie and Mike Riehm of Kendallville; sons, Michael Riemke of Granger, Indiana, son, Ric and Aimee Riemke of Mishawaka, Indiana; four grandchildren, Ryan and Elizabeth Cordial, Angie and Matt Riehm all of Kendallville; one great granddaughter, Courtney Gail Cooper; two brothers, Richard Shank and Monna of Fremont, Indiana and Dean and Carole Shank of Angola, Indiana. Longtime special friends: Doris and Steve Likes of Albion.

Mrs. Riemke was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, Jason Riehm in May 1988, and a brother, Ralph Shank.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, October 16, 2006 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service was Fr. Lourdino Fernandes. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Parkview-Noble Hospital Foundation or to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Ellis Taylor, 68

WAWAKA – Ellis Loyd Taylor, 68, of Wawaka died at 8:10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Taylor had retired from Walker's, now known as Tenneco, in Ligonier. He had also been employed as the head sawyer for Frick's Sawmill in Brimfield for more than 20 years.

He had attended Wawaka Church of the Brethren in Wawaka.

Mr. Taylor served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Taylor enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, NASCAR, collecting hats and helping others.

He attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and was proud of his accomplishments with AA.

He was born April 9, 1938, in Russellville, Franklin County, Ala., to Robert and Josephine (Logan) Taylor. He married Marilyn Whirledge on Sept. 24, 1971, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Harold Taylor of Alexander City, Ala.; several nieces and nephews; and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lawrence Taylor and Hugh Taylor; and a sister, Doris Jane Taylor.

Services were held Thursday, October 12, 2006, at Wawaka Church of the Brethren in Wawaka with the Rev. Verne Leininger of the church officiating. Burial was in Clinton Brick Cemetery near Millersburg.

Memorials are to Camp Mack for Children, P.O. Box 158, Milford, IN 46542.

J. A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Elmer Meinzen, 90

ALBION – Elmer F. Meinzen, 90, of Big Lake in Noble County and formerly of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Meinzen was a World War II Army veteran who had been awarded the Bronze Star.

He had retired from Broadview Lumber Co. in 1980.

Mr. Meinzen was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

He was born Oct. 20, 1915, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Hobkirk of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; two sisters, Esther Landrum and Vera Stevens; and four brothers, Norman, Lester, Leonard and Edward Meinzen.

Services were held Thursday, October 19, 2006, at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with Pastor James Haugen officiating.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

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Crash kills Heights senior

PHOTO COURTESY OF ORLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Personnel from the Orland Fire Rescue and Steuben County Emergency Medical Service work to remove Dennis Hoolihan, 56, Angola, from the van he was driving Wednesday that colided with another motorist, Matthew Hayward, 18, of Angola. Hayward was pronounced dead at the scene. Hoolihan was hospitalized.

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CRASH: *Second man is in fair condition this morning in hospital*

BY AMY OBERLIN
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LAKE GAGE — An area teenager died Wednesday after allegedly running a stop sign at C.R. 350N and C.R. 800W.

Matthew Hayward, 18, of Angola was heading south on C.R. 800W and did not stop at the stop sign, witnesses told police. Two vehicles were driving east toward the intersection; one was driven by 56-year-old Dennis Hoolihan of Angola, who was involved in the crash.

The witnesses indicated Hayward was speeding, said investigating officer Sgt. Philip Nott of the Steuben County Sheriff's Department.

Hoolihan, a retired Angola Police Department officer, told investigators he was unable to stop in time to avoid the boy's car, which pulled out in front of him. After the collision, the car went off the road, through a fence and stopped in a field, said the report. Hoolihan's van rolled over and also went through the fence and into the field.

Hayward was a senior at Prairie Heights High School. PH principal Pat McLaughlin said this morning a preliminary plan to help students deal with the loss of their classmate was in place.

"At this point, I'm not sure how many students know about it because the last we heard last night they hadn't released a name yet," McLaughlin said. "But we've called in some area ministers to be on hand for the students, and our guidance counselors are aware of the situation. So we're going to go at it that way to start with."

McLaughlin said he had also planned a brief morning staff meeting with PHHS teachers and administration.

McLaughlin said he didn't know much about Hayward, but that to his knowledge the teen had been a student at Prairie Heights for most of his school career.

"As far as I know he has been," he said.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts, Nott reported, and airbags deployed.

Hayward was pronounced dead at the scene and Hoolihan was flown by Samaritan helicopter to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He suffered a neck fracture and possible hand fracture, Nott said. The hospital listed Hoolihan in fair condition this morning.

THE NEWS SUN
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Max Gray

AUBURN — Max Gray, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Gray was employed by The Evening Star of Auburn from 1945-1965. He was the co-founder of the Butler Bulletin and its publisher from 1976-1977. He was associated with Farm Bureau Insurance from 1966 to 1976.

He was a 1939 graduate of Angola High School and attended Tri-State College from 1939 to 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 and was honorably discharged in December 1945.

He was a former member of the Auburn Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Auburn Elks, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Board, the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department, which he served as treasurer, and Butler Rotary Club. He was a life member of the American Legion and a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 2, 1921, to Leon C. and Pearl (Butz) Gray. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty K. Williams in Angola on Jan. 10, 1942. She died Jan. 28, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane D. King of Hamilton. Mont., and Carolyn K. Shelton of Auburn; five grandchildren, Chris King, Kelly King, Chad Shelton, Angela Ervin and Aaron Shelton; and four great-grandchildren, Emily Shelton, Elliot Shelton, Isabelle Shelton and Lillian Ervin.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Louis Gray.

There will be no funeral service.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Ann Garrett

WATERLOO — Ann Garrett, 53, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Garrett

Mrs. Garrett was a former employee of E.S.G. Security Co. in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 30, 1953, in DeKalb County to Ned and Margaret Ann (Wisner) McIntosh. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Waterloo.

She married David Michael "Mike" Garrett on Oct. 5, 1985, in Waterloo. He died Oct. 3, 2006.

Also surviving are a son, Jesse Garrett of Auburn; a daughter, MacKenzie Garrett at home; and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mary Ann and Otha Garrett of Madison, Ind.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles, the Rev. Don White and Jesse Garrett will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Jesse Garrett, 922 E. Fifth St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Bettie Kurtman

GARRETT — Bettie June Kurtman, 79, of Garrett died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Kurtman

Mrs. Kurtman was a homemaker and loved to garden. Although she never had children of her own, she enjoyed and treasured the time she spent with her great nieces and nephews. She was a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn.

She was born June 1, 1927, in Ohio to Joe and Julia (McComas) Rhodes. They preceded her in death.

She married Osman Atilla Kurtman on Oct. 6, 1951, in Angola. He died in 1996.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews including Steven and June Jordan, with whom she lived and who were her caregivers, and Cindy and Michael Schuller, and two sisters, Margaret Terrill of Hicksville, Ohio, and Maxine Olds of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe Jr., James and Max Rhodes, and a sister, Luella Strock.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research.

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Erma Amstutz

Mrs. Amstutz

BUTLER — Erma M Amstutz, 95, of Butler died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Amstutz was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and was active at the Jerusalem Church. She was a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, receiving an award for 2,000 hours in 2002. She also did volunteer sewing of small hospital gowns for Riley Hospital for Children at Indianapolis.

She graduated from Butler High School in 1929 and from International Business College in 1931.

She was born Feb. 28, 1911, in rural Butler to Boyd and Flora (Rosenberry) Jennings.

She married Harold L. Amstutz on Jan. 1, 1942, in Butler. He died Nov. 4, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter, Delores "Dee" Howarth of Fremont, and two grandchildren, Tyler A. Howarth and Jaclyn "Jackie" Howarth of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Leland, and a son-in-law, William "Bill" Howarth.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler, with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

David Whelchel

WATERLOO — David A. Whelchel, 57, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Whelchel was a bricklayer and belonged the Bricklayers of Indiana Union.

He was born Nov. 22, 1948, in Amarillo, Texas, to Russell H. and Marie (Blades) Whelchel. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Vickie Byrd of Logan, N.M.; one granddaughter, Stephanie Byrd; and one stepgrandson, Casey Thompson.

His brother, Russell D. Whelchel, died in Vietnam.

There will be no services or calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Irving Nelson

FREMONT — Irving L. Nelson, 87, of Fremont died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at home.

Mr. Nelson was born July 31, 1919, in Prentice, Wis., to Oscar L. and Evelyn E. (Danielson) Nelson. He was married to Wilma L. Switzer on May 14, 1950. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Peter L. and Patricia Nelson of Highland and John L. and Winona Nelson of Fremont.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include service times.*

Harold Ross

PLEASANT LAKE — Harold D. Ross, 78, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ross was born June 27, 1928, in Haviland, Ohio to Glen and Violet (Kimmy) Ross.

He was a retired truck driver. He attended Angola Christian Church and was a member of the Eagles Lodge and Teamsters Union Local No. 414. He was a former member of the Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows.

Surviving are his mother, Violet Fredricks of Lima, Ohio; his companion, Marjorie Roush of Pleasant Lake; two sons, Floyd Ross of Van Wert, Ohio and Frank Ross of Haviland; five daughters, Joyce Ross and JoAnn Stainbach, both of Kissimmee, Fla., Jill Strauss of Bath, N.Y., Judith Aultman of Freeport, Fla. and Janet Ross-Lepper of Fort Wayne; a sister, Glenadine Baer of Delphos, Ohio; 19 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Jeff Stedge officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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Mom gets probation after her baby drowns in bathtub

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Ligonier woman was sentenced last week to 10 years of probation for her neglect in the drowning death of her 16-month-old daughter.

Noble County Superior Court Division 1 Judge Stephen Spindler formally accepted Wednesday the guilty plea Maria M. Guzman, 24, of Ligonier entered Aug. 2 to a charge of neglect of a dependent child causing death, a Class A felony.

Spindler sentenced Guzman to 20 years in prison, all suspended, and placed her on probation for 10 years — the maximum allowed for probation under the law, he said.

Guzman left her 16-month-old daughter, Bianca A. Tapia Guzman, and her 2-year-old daughter in a bathtub while she left to pick up the girl's father, Jose Tapia Vera, on Jan. 7. The older girl then left the tub, and Bianca drowned.

During Wednesday's sentencing, Brenda Sweatland-Snyder, the foster mother for Guzman's older child, testified that she had observed Guzman with her family as a court-appointed visit supervisor.

"It is my opinion that this is a good family," Sweatland-Snyder said. Guzman appears to be a good mother to her children, and the crime appears to have been simply a terrible mistake. "I have not seen neglectful parenting skills," Sweatland-Snyder said.

"I don't feel that punishing her by placing her in prison is going to have any good outcome," Sweatland-Snyder said.

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executive director Kristi Bachman, who served as victim's advocate for the hearing, said she has seen many cases where parents intentionally inflict harm on children.

"In the reports I have seen, this did not appear to be an intentional act," Bachman said.

Defense attorney Dan Williams asked those present in support of Guzman to stand to show she had a substantial support system. Most of the gallery stood at the request.

"We don't make decisions of this nature by popular vote," Spindler said.

"The young girl is remorseful. She is going through counseling to deal with the loss of this child," Williams said. He said a Noble County Probation Department report filed in the case suggests Guzman needs counseling more than incarceration.

"What about the interests of the state?" Spindler asked.

"I don't believe that punishment necessarily is always in the best interests of the state," Williams said. "I really don't believe that this lady's going to be back before the court for neglect of a dependent.

"People do make mistakes, and this young lady's made a tragic one," Williams said.

"On Jan. 7, 2006, a 16-month-old died," said Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse. "The death was unnecessary, but it was a crime and it was not accidental."

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Pauline Ewell

CROMWELL — Pauline M. Ewell, 92, of Cromwell died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Ewell had been a homemaker and had moved to Cromwell in 1955 from South Milford.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Cromwell.

She was born Dec. 10, 1923, in Kendallville to Frank and Bertha (Kiebel) Kline. She married Lloyd Ewell and he died in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Duane Ewell, and his companion, Kathy; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Jack Stroh of Coldwater, Mich.; four grandsons and their spouses, Doug and Shannon Ewell, Dustin Ewell, David and Sallie Stroh and Gary and Susan Stroh; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Sister Elsie Fregeau of Calvary Lutheran Church in Cromwell officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Cromwell-Sparta Township Fire Department.

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Jonathan Baugh

MIDDLEBURY — Jonathan Michael Baugh, 17, of West Des Moines, Iowa, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Baugh

A native of Elkhart, Mr. Baugh had lived in West Des Moines the past two years.

He enjoyed playing baseball and football, following the New York Yankees and hanging out with his friends.

Surviving are his parents, Tracy and Pam (Bender) Baugh; his siblings, Justin, Christopher, Aimee and Ryan, all at home; grandparents, Valetta Bender of Shipshewana, Terry Baugh of Lees Summit, Mo., and Dwight Snyder of Pella, Iowa; many aunts and uncles and friends.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, LaVern Bender, on Sept. 11.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at White Pigeon Church of Christ in White Pigeon, Mich., with the Rev. Barry Edds and the Rev. Ephraim Ike officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Services were also held in Iowa.

Paul Hellwig

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Hellwig, 61, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Elizabeth Clements

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth C. Clements, 50, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Huntington and Adams County died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after collapsing unexpectedly at her home.

She had been a client with Easter Seals ARC of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne for the past 20 years.

She was born Dec. 31, 1955, in Huntington County to Richard and Ruth (Newman) Clements.

Surviving are two cousins Arthur Broyles and his wife, Rose, of Huntington and Donna Holmes of Richmond, Va.; a host of friends; and her cat, Fluffy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the chapel at the Decatur Cemetery in Decatur.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the chapel.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Lorayne Rowe

GOSHEN — Lorayne C. Rowe, 68, of Goshen and formerly of LaGrange died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at The Maples in Goshen.

Mrs. Rowe had spent most of her life in LaGrange County.

She worked on the family farm with her husband and drove a school bus for the Lakeland School Corp.

Mrs. Rowe was a member of the Dunlap United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 18, 1937, in Marrowbone, Ky., to Avery O. and Georgia (Goodpaster) Cox. She married Hubert P. Rowe on Sept. 1, 1961. He died Dec. 24, 1985. She then married Morris W. Davis on Feb. 2. He survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Craig Hursey of Goshen; a stepdaughter, Marcie Cortwz of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; a sister, Eulene Clark of Columbia, Calif.; and a stepgrandson.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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June Jozefowicz

MONTPELIER, Ohio — June J. Jozefowicz, 74, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at Evergreen Manor in Montpelier, where she had been a resident the past week.

A devoted homemaker, she was a member of the Columbia Church of Christ at Columbia, Ohio, and a former member of the Columbia Ladies Aide.

Mrs. Jozefowicz

She was born May 30, 1932, in Waterloo to Hugh David and Victoria Josephine (Collett) Boyer.

She married Robert E. Jozefowicz on Aug. 2, 1986, in Columbia, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheryl Nofziger of Pioneer, Ohio, LuAnn and Joe Jerger and Wanda and Jerry Hug, all of Bryan, Ohio; one son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Debbie Moore, of Columbia, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and one sister and brother-in-law Agnes and Alfred Suntken of Butler.

She was preceded in death by one son, Gary Eugene Moore; a granddaughter, Tara Jonell Jerger; two brothers, Donald Beard and Clarence Beard; and five sisters, Pauline Eck, Virginia Hart, Vivian Werner, Florence Lint and Dorothy Dunham.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Columbia Church of Christ, with minister Nathan Derico officiating. Burial will follow in Columbia Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon, Ohio, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Columbia Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE FOLLOWING *obituary is being republished with new information about a surviving relative.*

Bernadette Schlink

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Bernadette L. Schlink, 82, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at Hope Hospice Home in Fort Myers.

She was a homemaker and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo.

She was born Aug. 23, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Jared and Louise (Wertzerber) Reed. They preceded her in death.

She married Bernon E. Schlink on July 21, 1945, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. He survives in Fort Myers.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Carie Schlink of Auburn; two daughters, Catherine Schlink of Houston, Texas, and Linda Howdyshell of Bowling Green, Ky.; a sister, Agnes Schnelker of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

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Matthew Hayward

ANGOLA — Matthew D. Hayward, 18, of Angola died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, in a car accident in Steuben County.

Mr. Hayward

Mr. Hayward was born May 15, 1988, in Angola to Michael and Tammy (Nelson) Hayward. He was a senior at Prairie Heights High School and attended the Fremont High School Automotive Program.

He had worked at the Angola Rural King store for the past two years. He was involved in football and Boy Scouts at Prairie Heights. He had just joined the Army Reserves.

Surviving are his parents in Angola; two sisters, Amanda and Toni Hayward, both students at Manchester College; two grandmothers, Nancy Nelson of Angola and Jennie Hayward of Stroh; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stroh Church of Christ, with the Rev. Mike Hamm and Dale Nelson officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Irving Nelson

FREMONT — Irving L. Nelson, 87, of Fremont died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at home.

Mr. Nelson

Mr. Nelson was born July 31, 1919, in Prentice, Wis., to Oscar L. and Evelyn E. (Danielson) Nelson. He was married to Wilma L. Switzer on May 14, 1950, and she survives.

He was a retired machinist from Standard Forging in East Chicago.

He was a World War II Air Force veteran, and served in the Pacific Theater. He was a member of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257. He and his family lived in Highland before he retired and moved to Steuben County in 1975.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Peter L. and Patricia Nelson of Highland and John L. and Winona Nelson of Fremont; three sisters, Marian Nelson of Valparaiso, Lenora DeLuca of St. Paul, Minn. and Shirley James of Mankato, Minn.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Lynn Eicher officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Alberta Van Wagner

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alberta A. Van Wagner, 94, of Arlington, Texas, died Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006, in Fort Worth, Texas, where she was in hospice care.

Mrs. Van Wagner was born in New York on Dec. 15, 1911. She was orphaned at an early age and lived with her sister until she was 16 and began working various jobs. She enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as an air traffic controller. She was honorably discharged from the service with letters of commendation.

She married Harold Van Wagner, who was from the Orland area. The couple lived in Orland for a time. Her husband preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Dennis Van Wagner of Danville, Calif., William Van Wagner of Arlington and Arthur Van Wagner of Coldwater, Mich.; four grandchildren, Kristen Siebe, Kendal Van Wagner, William Van Wagner II and Byron Van Wagner; two great-grandchildren, Liam Van Wagner and Roger J. Siebe IV; a sister-in-law, Marion Van Wagner; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Anne, and a granddaughter, Megan Van Wagner.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Services were also held Wednesday in Arlington.

Local arrangements are being made by Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater. Arrangements in Texas were handled by Moore Funeral Home, Arlington.

Memorials are to Vitas Hospice, 2501 Parkview Drive, No. 600, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

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John Greuter

AUBURN — John M. Greuter, 78, formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at 4:29 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Greuter

Mr. Greuter was a truck driver for Vulcraft in St. Joe for 18 years, retiring in 1990. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

He was born July 28, 1928, in Defiance, Ohio, to Elmer and Pearl (Closson) Greuter. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty Jane Thomas on April 1, 1950, in Michigan. She preceded him in death in 1988.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Roxanne and Larry Williams of Auburn and Alaura and Rod Parrish of Auburn; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Sam and Diane Greuter of Auburn, Joe Greuter of Kendallville and Johnny Greuter of Angola; two brothers, Don Greuter of Waterloo and Delmar Greuter of Butler; four sisters, Jan Harding of New Haven, Joyce Stonebraker of Fort Wayne, Margie Claar of Union City, Mich., and Ellie Fike of Auburn; 17 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jennings and Sonny Greuter, and a sister, Dorothy Elser.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Paul Hellwig

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Hellwig, 64, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at his home.

He was a pharmacist for 41 years and was employed at various drug stores including Brown's Pharmacy in LaGrange and most recently Fisher's Pharmacy in Albion.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and conservationist and loved being outdoors.

Mr. Hellwig was born in Fort Wayne on July 1, 1942, to Eric and Gertrude M. (Ostermeier) Hellwig. He graduated from North Side High School in 1960 and Purdue University in 1965.

Surviving is a son, Joe Hellwig of Rome City.

Preceding him in death were his father in 1983 and his mother in April 2003.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ducks Unlimited.

Douglas Compton

AUBURN — Douglas Spyrrel Compton, 88, of Auburn, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Compton worked in the civil service as an auto mechanic for the Defensive Electronic Supply Center for 25 years, retiring in 1975. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry and excelled in rifle marksmanship.

He was a member of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio.

He was born in Plummer's Landing, Ky., on May 19, 1918, to Thomas and Martha (Ball) Compton. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Tim McEntee of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beatrice Rairdon Compton in 1998, his second wife, Rose "Earls" Compton in 2003, a brother, William Compton, and three sisters, Anna Mabel Hall, Ruby Joseph and Jewell Compton.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Tobias Funeral Home, Beavercreek, Ohio, with H.C. O'Bryant officiating.

Burial will be in the Mount Zion Shoup Cemetery at Beavercreek.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling local arrangements.

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Debbie Davis

LIGONIER — Debbie Lynn Davis, 51, of Ligonier died at 3:54 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a forklift operator at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier, where she had worked for 26 years. She enjoyed reading, playing cards and watching sports, especially NASCAR and Colts football.

The West Noble High School graduate was born Sept. 26, 1955, in Goshen to John and Lorenea (Marchand) Davis.

Surviving are a close companion and longtime friend, Terry Davis of Cromwell; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Robert and Tina Young of Hudson and John Young of Perry, Mich.; eight grandchildren; her mother and stepfather, Lorenea and William Karst of Cromwell; three brothers, Roger Davis and his wife, Debbi, of Larwill, Gary Davis of Victoria, Texas, and Randy Davis and his wife, Midori, of Carmel; and a sister, Janelle Johnson of Ligonier.

Preceding her in death was her father, John Davis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Big Lake Church of God, south of Wolf Lake, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer officiating.

Calling will be from 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Big Lake Church of God.

Ann Kemm

ANGOLA — Ann H. Kemm, 83, of Angola died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006.

Mrs. Kemm

She completed undergraduate work at Depauw University in Greencastle, then graduated from Women's Medical College in Philadelphia. She had retired after 30 years as a pathologist in Middletown, Ohio. She was a member of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

She was born April 26, 1923, in Garrett to Walter and Mary Rose (Springer) Holsinger. On April 28, 1984, in Florida, she married Theodore F. Kemm, and he preceded her in death on July 13.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Sheriff Rick and Margo Lewis of Angola; great-nieces and great-nephews and their spouses, Matt and Amy Lewis and Andy Lewis, all of Angola, and Sara and Bryan Weber of Fremont; and a great-great-niece, Reese Weber of Fremont.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.

Roger Aldrich

HOWE — Roger L. Aldrich, 63, of Howe died at 8:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Aldrich

He was a project engineer for 45 years and worked at Dometic Corp. in LaGrange.

He was born March 10, 1943, in Lansing, Mich., to James R. and Nina (Deming) Aldrich.

On Dec. 27, 1977, he married Peggy J. Mallory in South Bend. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, John Aldrich of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter, Jessica Engber of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Ryder Maddox Aldrich Brown; his mother, Nina Aldrich of Sturgis, Mich.; and a brother, Jimmie L. Aldrich of LaGrange.

Preceding him in death was his father.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church of LaGrange, with Pastors James Simpson and Thomas P. Bailey officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery of Howe.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

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WHO KILLED TERRY AND DARLEEN ANDERSON?
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MONGO MURDERS:

One year later

Who killed Terry and Darleen Anderson?
Answers still elusive a year after rural Mongo murders

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MURDERS: *A number of misleading statements, lack of cooperation from witnesses have set investigation back*

BY MATT GETTS
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MONGO — A year later, and the effects can still be felt.

Terry Anderson, 59, and Darleen Anderson, 57, were found murdered on their property in the 6000 block of C.R. 250N in rural Mongo on Oct. 21, 2005. Darleen Anderson's body was found in the house, and Terry Anderson's was later found in an outbuilding. The victims died of "blunt force trauma," according to LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney.

Police have not disclosed the weapon that was used to kill the Andersons, or whether the weapon has been recovered.

Their murders are still unsolved, and the case remains an open wound for many involved.

Jim Codling, owner of the Mongo Tavern, now locks the doors of his house at night. Codling also has purchased a dog to protect his family when he's away.

Terry Anderson's daughter, Sherry Musilek, and her husband, Erik, have created a Web site and foundation with the hopes of finding the killer.

For LaGrange County Sheriff Greg Dhaene and the lead investigator in the case, Detective Tad Oakley, the murders are never far from their minds.

"You are constantly preoccupied, even in your off time," Dhaene said.

The investigation

It has been two months since anyone has called in with any new tips in the murders, Dhaene said Tuesday, but the investigation remains far from closed.

"I am still hopeful there will be an arrest," he said.

"We are still encouraging anyone in the community who has information to contact us, contact Crime Stoppers," Dhaene said.

Detectives continue to follow leads in the case, checking and rechecking information.

During the past 12 months, suspects have been looked at from areas including Michigan, Ohio and Florida. Investigators have gone back 30 years into Terry Anderson's life, looking for clues.

The Behavioral Analysis Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been consulted, and the Mongo murders are now in the bureau's national database. Any similar crime will be compared to the Mongo case by the FBI, with information shared with LaGrange County officials.

A dozen investigators have logged thousands of hours pursuing leads in the case.

"It has been a widespread, wide-reaching investigation," Dhaene said.

Dhaene declined to comment on the status of the case.

"I don't want to do or say anything that would hinder the course of the investigation," he said. "We just don't want to take the chance of doing anything that would compromise (the case)."

But the 28-year law enforcement veteran said the last 12 months have been anything but easy.

"This has been the single-most difficult case I have been involved in," Dhaene said.

The sheriff cited the serious nature of the crime, the number of potential participants and lack of cooperation from many witnesses.

On Oct. 3, Larry Lee Carpenter, 51, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and formerly of Sturgis, Mich., was sentenced in LaGrange Circuit Court to 150 days in prison and a $100 fine plus court costs on a count of false informing.

Carpenter's sentence will be served after he completes his current term on a drug charge.

Carpenter allegedly provided numerous false, misleading and contradictory statements to sheriff's department and Indiana State Police detectives investigating the murders.

Unfortunately, according to Dhaene, Carpenter's falsehoods have been the rule rather than the exception in this case.

"That's been indicative of some of how this investigation has gone," Dhaene said. "A number of people … have intentionally lied and deceived.

"That's what we've faced since almost day one in this case."

The deceptions have forced investigators into wasting time on these false leads, backtracking on interviews and having to re-check statements for accuracy.

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FILE PHOTO

The bodies of Terry Anderson and Darleen Anderson were discovered in their home in rural Mongo on Oct. 21, 2005. Darleen Anderson's body was found in the house, while Terry's was found in an outbuilding.

In many instances, investigators have been stymied about why the person lied in the first place.

Dhaene said these lies have "slowed and hindered" the investigation.

Oakley said the department has several theories on the case, but declined to mention any of them specifically.

Remembering the Andersons

A billboard stands at the intersection of U.S. 20 and S.R. 3, south of Mongo. It asks anyone with information regarding the murders of Terry and Darleen Anderson to contact authorities. The billboard was paid for by the Terry and Darleen Foundation.

According to the foundation's Web site, www.terryanddarleen.com, "The goal of the foundation is to establish a monetary fund that will be used to help the communities that were home to Terry and Darleen. A portion of the fund will be set aside to be used as a reward for information leading the arrest and conviction of those involved."

The Terry and Darleen Anderson Foundation is headquartered in Crestwood, Ill., and is managed by Terry's daughter, Sherry Musilek.

Sherry's husband, Eric Musilek, started the foundation.

"(Terry) was my hunting buddy. He was my fishing buddy. We were pretty tight," said Eric Musilek.

A fundraiser for the foundation in the Chicagoland area raised $1,500. Eric Musilek said he looks forward to handing the reward money to whoever provides information leading to the arrest of the killer or killers.

"They did not deserve this," he said.

The Web site is filled with pictures and stories about the Andersons, recollections of a man and woman loved by many. Included are photos and pictures of Terry Anderson muskie fishing, and stories of Darleen's shopping habit.

Terry Anderson was a familiar figure at the Mongo Tavern. He'd come in two or three times a week for a soda and a mushroom and swiss burger.

"He was a nice guy," Codling said.

A changed Mongo?

One year ago, Mongo was shaken with the news that Terry and Darleen Anderson had been murdered at their home.

"Everybody tends to become complacent," Codling said. "That (stuff) doesn't happen around here."

While Codling said people in general have become more cautious since the murders, Mongo is still Mongo.

"Everybody (still) talks about it," Codling said. "But it hasn't changed the town. It's hard to change a town like this."

A Sincere Thank You

To all our friends and neighbors for their thoughts, prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food and general support given to Barb and to us through a very difficult time over the past 18 months.

The Family of Barb Riemke

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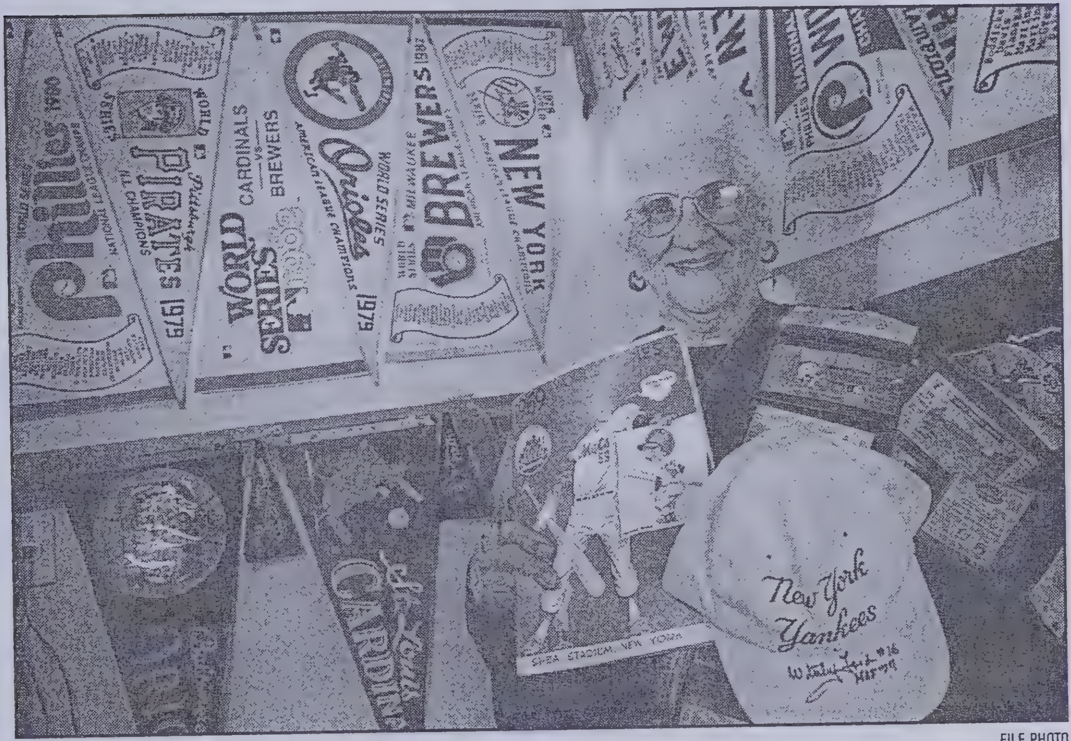
She lived in baseball's Golden Age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FILE PHOTO

Isabelle Greenwalt is shown with World Series pennants and other memorabilia that she and her husband collected beginning in 1953. For many years, the Greenwalts owned and operated the Yankee Trailer Park on Big Long Lake.

Isabelle Greenwalt saw every World Series from '53-'79

BY BILL GISEL
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ASHLEY — Tim Kindler said he and 88-year-old Isabelle Greenwalt were "an odd couple."

Kindler is a second-grade teacher at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn and some 50 years younger than Mrs. Greenwalt. They had never met until three years ago, but they immediately hit it off and became fast friends.

Their common bond was baseball.

Kindler is involved with the Northeast Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame and History Center, housed in the Kruse Foundation museums south of Auburn, and Mrs. Greenwalt placed a sizable portion of a collection of baseball memorabilia collected by her and her husband on loan to the museum.

Mrs. Greenwalt, a resident of Ashley, died Sept. 19 after suffering a heart attack while driving her car in Kendallville.

"I could talk baseball with her for hours," Kinder said of Mrs. Greenwalt. "She was amazed at what I knew about baseball from her era — the Golden Age of baseball — and I was amazed to be able to talk to someone who had lived it the way she did."

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Mrs. Greenwalt and her late husband, Jim, were both baseball fanatics who were profiled by KPC Media Group publisher Terry Housholder in a story he wrote in October 2000. By then a widow, Mrs. Greenwalt was anticipating yet another World Series.

The Greenwalts had owned and operated the Yankee Trailer Park on Big Long Lake and, as the name implied, their favorite team was the New York Yankees. From 1953 to 1979 they attended every World Series.

"My husband, Jim, was a New York Yankee fan since the age of 7, when his uncle took him to a game in Minnesota where he saw Babe Ruth play," Mrs. Greenwalt said in Housholder's story. "When I married Jim, I thought I had better get interested in baseball or I'd be left out."

The first Series she witnessed was when the Yankees, managed by the legendary Casey Stengel, were once again on top of the world. A young Mickey Mantle and Billy Martin were the heroes of that series.

"That first year, 1953, we drove our trailer to New Jersey, near Rutgers University, parked it and took the subway to Yankee Stadium," said Mrs. Greenwalt. "They always had 3,000 tickets on sale the day of each World Series game, so we spent the night on the streets (in the Bronx) in order to be among the first in line when the tickets went on sale. Someone had a barbecue and cooked us hamburgers. It was a lot of fun."

The Greenwalts followed the same routine nearly every year.

"New York was my favorite city because we also did a lot of sightseeing and went to Broadway plays during our once-a-year vacation at the World Series," said Mrs. Greenwalt.

"We met some of the same people each year at the ballparks and became good friends with many," she said. "We started a World Series Bugs Club in the early '70s. There were about 16 of us and I was the secretary. We got together each year at the World Series and would go out to dinner together. The club lasted about 10 years. Now most of the members are gone.'"

After the first couple of years, Mrs. Greenwalt started collecting baseball memorabilia of each World Series the couple attended. The walls of her garage were lined with playoff pennants of many different teams. She also had a collection of World Series tickets, programs, baseballs and autographs of favorite players and managers. Among them are: Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Don Drysdale, Pee Wee Reese, Warren Spahn, Earl Weaver, Jim Rivera, Don Sutton, Steve Garvey, Reggie Jackson, Sparky Anderson, Dick Williams, Walt Alston, Ralph Houk and Tommy Lasorda, Housholder wrote.

Kinder said he always sat with Mrs. Greenwalt at the Northeast Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame yearly banquet, which she attended after placing much of her memorabilia on loan to the organization. They got together early and stayed late to talk, he said.

"What I read and studied about baseball — she was there!" Kinder explained. "She would just light up, and she said how much she appreciated being able to talk baseball."

One item of special note, Kinder said, is a shawl Mrs. Greenwalt made from baseball game ticket stubs. It is now in a glass case at the museum, along with other items and photographs.

Kinder showed a number of pictures in an album that portrayed Mrs. Greenwalt and her husband with many of the famous baseball personalities of the '50s, '60s and '70s. One she prized in particular was taken of Mrs. Greenwalt with the late baseball announcer Harry Caray, he said.

According to Kinder, the future of Mrs. Greenwalt's collection is uncertain. He would like to see his organization acquire all of her collected items.

Mrs. Greenwalt's survivors are a daughter, Kathleen Greenwalt of South Bend, and a son, Harry Greenwalt of Ashley. Her husband died in 1980.

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Lillian Fisher

ANGOLA — Lillian H. Fisher, 91, of Angola died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

She was born Oct. 2, 1915, in Steuben County to Paul and Verle (DeLancey) Horn, who are both deceased. She married Hollis Fisher on Oct. 10, 1934. He died Sept. 16, 1997. She worked for many years at J.C. Penney in Angola. She loved her cats and cardinals and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and going shopping.

Survivors include a son, Les Fisher of Angola; two daughters, Kathy Moor of Pleasant Lake and Judy Penick of Orland; eight grandchildren and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Stephen Horn; and a sister, Bessie Moss.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Humane Society and the Parkinson's Disease Association.

Hugh Nelson

LEXINGTON PARK, Md. — Hugh M. Nelson, 78, of Lexington Park, Md., died Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1928, to Ward and Letha (Hile) Nelson in Columbia City. He retired from the U.S. Navy after 22 years service. He married Catherine Newhouse in 1947. She died in 2003.

Survivors include a son, Steven Nelson of Lincoln, Neb.; two daughters, Patricia Weaver of Valley Lee, Md., and Sarah Nelson of Lexington Park, Md.; two sisters, Helene Giant of Columbia City and Hildanna Camp of Waterloo; two brothers, Hurshell Nelson of Churubusco and Harley Nelson of Homassassa, Fla.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Besides his wife and parents, he was also preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday, Oct. 21, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Leonard Town, Md. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ann Kemm

ANGOLA — Ann H. Kemm, 83, of Angola died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006.

She completed undergraduate work at Depauw University in Greencastle, then graduated from Women's Medical College in Philadelphia. She had retired after 30 years as a pathologist in Middletown, Ohio. She was a member of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

She was born April 26, 1923, in Garrett to Walter and Mary Rose (Springer) Holsinger. On April 28, 1984, in Florida she married Theodore F. Kemm, and he preceded her in death on July 13. She was in the United States Navy and served during World War II.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Sheriff Rick and Margo Lewis of Angola; great-nieces and great-nephews and their spouses, Matt and Amy Lewis and Andy Lewis, all of Angola, and Sara and Bryan Weber of Fremont; and a great-great-niece, Reese Weber of Fremont.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Johnson-Hutchson Funeral Home is handling the arrangments.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.

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Robert Hasselswerth

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Robert E. Hasselswerth, 86, of Defiance, Ohio, died at 7:25 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at Harborside Healthcare Center in Defiance.

Mr. Hasselwerth

He was born May 4, 1920, in Defiance to Roy and Cora (Ankney) Hasselswerth, who are both deceased. He married Sonora A. Tatman on May 31, 1942. She survives. He was employed as a set-up man at Zeller Corp. from 1946 until he retired in May 1982. He was a member of the United States Army and served in World War II.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 117, both in Defiance, and a former member of the Eagles.

Besides his wife, other survivors include three sons, Robert John Hasselswerth of Fremont and Harley Hasselswerth and Daniel Hasselswerth, both of Defiance; a daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and Michael Schlachter of Defiance; a sister, Dorothy Irene Forman of Defiance; eight grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and 15 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Roy Bauer.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance with the Rev. Joe Chrisman officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Harborside Healthcare Activities Fund or donor's choice.

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Max Julian Jr.

ANGOLA — Max Eugene "Gene" Julian Jr., 58, of Angola died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at home.

Mr. Julian was born Oct. 15, 1948, in Angola to Max E. Julian Sr. and Marilyn Canfield. He was married to Barbara Merrifield on Sept. 4, 1971, and she survives.

Mr. Julian Jr.

He was the owner of Tri Angle Earth Moving Inc. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31. He was a former member of the Angola Volunteer Fire Department.

He enjoyed hunting and the outdoors, scuba diving and was a NASCAR and Indy Racing enthusiast. He was awarded three Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart and a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin and Allison Julian, Rod and Allison Julian and Ehren Julian and fiancee Bethany Jull, all of Indianapolis; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael Julian and Randy and Marla Julian, all of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sheryl and Tony Brinkman of Cleves, Ohio and Michelle and Jim Kerr of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Austin and Addison Julian; and his father in Angola.

He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Audree Julian.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with graveside services conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Memorials are to Pancreatic Cancer Research Foundation, PANCAN2141, Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, ElSegundo, CA 90245 (donations can also be made at www.PanCAN.com) or the Lance Armstrong Foundation, PO Box 6003, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6603 (for more information call (877) 236-8820).

Hugh Nelson

LEXINGTON PARK, Md. — Hugh M. Nelson, 78, died Oct. 14, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Nelson retired from the U.S. Navy after 22 years of service.

He was born Dec. 10, 1928, in Columbia City to Ward and Letha (Hile) Nelson.

He married Catherine Newhouse Nelson in 1947. She died in 2003.

Surviving are one son, Steven Nelson of Lincoln, Neb.; two daughters, Patricia Weaver of Valley Lee, Md., and Sarah Nelson of Lexington Park, Md.; two sisters, Helene Giant of Columbia City and Hildanna Camp of Waterloo; two brothers, Hurshell of Churubusco and Harley of Homosassa, Fla.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, three brothers and his parents.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Leonard Town, Md.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Judith Atkins

WOLCOTTVILLE — Judith Ann "Judy" Atkins, 63, of Roger Lake in LaGrange County died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at her home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Carolyn VanDrew

CROMWELL — Carolyn S. VanDrew, 72, of Cromwell died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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Santford Jolley

COLDWATER, Mich. — Santford E. "Jol" Jolley, 77, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Jolley was born Nov. 12, 1928 in Coldwater to Earlin and Georgia (Young) Jolley. He married his wife Patricia on Jan. 10, 1976, in Coldwater, and she survives.

He was a lifelong resident of Coldwater and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1946. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-55 as an air traffic controller in Sacramento, Calif., and Tachikawa, Japan.

He had owned the former Ideal Wallpaper and Paint Store in Coldwater and was an independent Prudential Insurance agent. He had worked at the Coldwater Daily Reporter for 20 years as advertising manager, then retired from Graphics 3 Printing and again from the Coldwater Shopper's Guide. He was secretary and treasurer of the Michigan Home Dailies for seven years and served as the president of the first committee dedicated to saving the historic Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater for three years, and continued to work for that cause for another six years.

He was a member of the Coldwater Noon Rotary Club since 1961, serving as president from 1973-74, and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship by the club in recognition of time and service. He also helped build the staging for 39 Rotary musical shows and was a Centurion member of the club.

He enjoyed wood carving, Rotary fellowship and having coffee and lunch with friends.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Robert Rubley of Fremont; his mother-in-law, Wilma (Waters) Draper of Angola; three brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Russell and Doris Waters of Indianapolis, Ronald and Ann Waters of Fort Wayne and Richard and Pat Waters of Hamilton; six grandchildren and one grandson-in-law, Amanda and Joshua Omo, Jacob Briggs, Chase Briggs, Brian Rubley, Joshua Kidd and Shelby Straw; a great-grandson, Gavin Omo; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Robert Straw.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, with the Rev. Dave Pierce officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials are to the Coldwater Noon Rotary Foundation for the Branch Area Food Pantry.

Condolences can be left online at www.dutcherfh.com.

Berlin Rohrer

GOSHEN — Berlin J. Rohrer, 80, of Goshen died at 9:07 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2006, at his home following a brief illness.

He was born Nov. 27, 1925, in Foraker to Balsar John and Gladys T. (Tilby) Rohrer.

He married Ruth Bollenbacher Feb. 5, 1948. She survives.

He was a former real estate agent in Goshen and worked at Goshen Stamping & Tool in shipping, receiving and expediting for 32 years.

A 1943 graduate of New Paris High School, he was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Goshen. He was on the board of directors for the New Paris Telephone Co. for more than 25 years and worked in a voting precinct for 53 years.

He was a Red Coat volunteer at Goshen General Hospital for many years, and a past member of the Goshen Noon Exchange Club. He enjoyed bowling, golf and camping, and was a Chicago Cubs fan. He and his wife wintered in Bradenton, Fla., for 10 years.

Survivors include twin daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Norris Stump of Cromwell, and Joyce and Michael Minnich of Goshen; two sons, Randy Rohrer and Sharon Manson of Ligonier and Mark Rohrer and Brenda Cook of Goshen; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were today at Trinity Lutheran Church in Goshen with the Rev. Duane Schafer officiating. Burial was in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorial contributions are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice-Care at Home or Trinity Lutheran Church, Goshen.

Online condolences may be sent to www.rrefh.com.

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Dr. Harry Wallace

LIGONIER — Dr. Harry R. "Doc" Wallace, 81, of Ligonier died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Regency Place.

Dr. Wallace was a chiropractor. He had an office for more than 50 years in Ligonier and for 20 years in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Indiana Chiropractic Association and the International Chiropractic Association.

Dr. Wallace was a member of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite and honorary Kentucky Colonel. He was also a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post and the Hoosier War Birds.

He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Force pilot.

Dr. Wallace was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 11, 1925, in Briensburg, Ky.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Oma Lee Wallace of Ligonier; children, Ronald and Janet Wallace of Cincinnati, Ohio, Barbara and Ron Weimer of Tampa, Ohio, Russell and Pam Wallace of Tulsa, Okla., Beverly and Jim Story of Muncie, and Becky Brady and Beth and Dan Wilkins, all of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Services are pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

Ted Smith

HAMILTON — Ted A. Smith, 85, of Hamilton and formerly of Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at the Dilworth Center in Montpelier, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending with Krill Funeral Service in Edon.

Luella Kitchen

KENDALLVILLE — Luella Kitchen, 97, formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, in Wabash.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Brenda McJunkin

ROME CITY— Brenda McJunkin, 44, of Rome City died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at her home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

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Peggy Sutton

WATERLOO — Peggy Lynn (Bradley) Sutton, 55, of Waterloo died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at 10 a.m. in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 18, 1951, in Muncie to Owen M. and Deloris I. (Pierson) Bradley. Her mother survives in Garrett and her father preceded her in death.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Leslie "Keeb" Sutton of Garrett and Jason and Lisa Hatzell of Garrett; three granddaughters, Michelle Leigh Reynolds of Huntington and Jaiden and Jansen Hatzell, both of Garrett; a brother, Kent Bradley of Florida; two sisters, Beth Ann Anderson of Mooresville and Cindy Jo Bradley of Garrett; a companion, Terry Muldaney of Waterloo; three aunts, Arlene Faris and her family, Helen Pierson and her family and Pat Copeland and her sons, all of Dunkirk; and a sister-in-law, Deborahh Bradley and her family of Selma, Ind.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Scott Bradley and Jon A. Bradley.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Paul McFann officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Carolyn VanDrew

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Sue VanDrew, 72, of Kendallville died at 5:42 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. VanDrew

Mrs. VanDrew had been a resident of Shepherd of the Hill nursing home for 11 years. Prior to that she had lived 15 years in Cromwell and in Hawaii.

She was a homemaker and member of the Lutheran church.

She was born July 9, 1934, in Arkansas to Ruie (Foster) Runnels. She married Raymond John VanDrew. He died in July 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Elaine Miretti and Deborah VanDrew, both of Cromwell; a son, Michael VanDrew of Ashley; six grandchildren, Sarah Miretti of Pennsylvania, Susanna and Ricky Gibson of Leesburg, David Miretti of South Korea, John Miretti of Cromwell, Anna Miretti of Marion and Joseph Miretti of Ligonier; and two great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Gibson and Madison Gibson.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Margaret Ellington, in December 2004.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Shepherd of the Hill Chapel in Kendallville.

Calling will follow the service in the activities room at the nursing home.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfh@sbcglobal.net.

Rev. Harold Pierce

MODOC — The Rev. Harold G. Pierce, 82, of Modoc died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, in Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

He was born in Ohio on Nov. 5, 1923, to Herbert E. and Stella (Shrout) Pierce.

The Rev. Pierce lived most of his life in the Modoc area.

He served with the Army during World War II, and was a retired employee of Perfect Circle/Dana Corp. in Hagerstown.

During his ministry, he served as pastor of both Blountsville Christian Church and New Liberty Christian Church. He was a member of Blountsville Christian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Donna; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Debbie Pierce of Modoc and Robin and Tami Pierce of Wolcottville; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Clara Short of Winchester and Louise Mofield of Peru; and a brother, Herbert Pierce Jr. of Parker City.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Pierce, in 1991.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Blountsville Christian Church with the Rev. Tom Current, Pastor Vernon Rodeffer and Pastor Steve Gregory officiating. Burial will be in Mooreland Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in Culberson Funeral Home, Modoc, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are made to Blountsville Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.culbersonfh.com.

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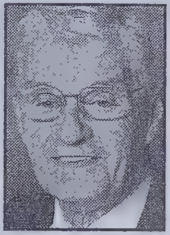
Ted Smith

HAMILTON — Ted A. Smith, 85, of Hamilton and formerly of Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at the Dilworth Center of Community Hospitals and Wellness Center of Williams County in Montpelier, Ohio, after an illness of one month.


Mr. Smith

He was born on July 26, 1921, in Williams Center, Ohio, to Loren and Regent (Lane) Smith. He married Eileen M. Siebenaler on May 6, 1944, in Blakeslee, Ohio, and she survives.

Mr. Smith was a 1940 graduate of West Unity High School in West Unity, Ohio, where he lettered in track, baseball and basketball. During World War II he served in the Naval Air Corps as a blimp pilot. He was a self-employed farmer and also worked at Edon Machine until his retirement in 1986 with over 20 years of service.

He played the on the traveling baseball team for Blakeslee and also was a little league coach and 4-H adviser in Blakeslee for many years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee and the Knights of Columbus, Edon American Legion Post No. 662 and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Kathy Smith of Delroy, Ohio, Alan and Mary Lynn Smith of Alexandria, Va., Dana and Linda Smith of Auburn, Ill., and Lynn and Karen Smith of Franklin, Tenn.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Ed Morr of Edon and Maryann and Perry Asuncion of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one great-grandchild, Elliott Biehl; two brothers, Lane and Warren Smith; and one sister, Marybel McMaster.

Services will be on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee with the Revs. Stephen Schroeder and Frederick Duschl officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with recitation of the Rosary at 8 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by members of Edon American Legion Post No. 662.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Renovation Fund.

Stephen Gresham

FORT WAYNE — Stephen Michael “Big Mike” Gresham, 58, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Hospice Home.

He was a truck driver, a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of American Legion Post 241.

Surviving are his wife, Jane Gresham of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Jones and Andrea Gresham of Marion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Yulanda and Darrell Schuler of Feesburg, Ohio and Keela and Robert Fritz of Gerogetown, Ohio; four sisters, Etta K. Scott of Fort Wayne, Elaine Barnhardt of Auburn, Dianna Gresham of Fort Wayne and Odetta “Rachel” Saylor of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today and 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Associated Churches Food Bank.

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Mabel Walker

FORT WAYNE — Mabel E. Walker, 84, a native and lifetime resident of Fort Wayne, died at Candler Hospital in Savannah, Ga., on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006.

She was a homemaker and a founding member of Faith Missionary Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Judy Walker of Savannah and Harold J. and Yvonne Walker of Aiken, S.C.; a son-in-law, Eugene M. Shirk of Auburn; nine grandchildren including Robert M. Shirk and Kimberly K. Shirk of Auburn; and one great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Harold A. Walker; and a daughter, Patricia Walker Shirk.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home on Lake Avenue with burial in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith Missionary Church, 1613 Grove Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Ruby Gantt

HUDSON — Ruby D. Gantt, 99, of rural Hudson died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006,

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Brenda McJunkin

Mrs. McJunkin

LIGONIER — Brenda K. Wooten McJunkin, 44, of Ligonier died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at her mother's home in Rome City. She had been ill since March.

Mrs. McJunkin had worked at Tower Advertising Products in Topeka from 1980 to 1995.

She had lived in Noble and LaGrange counties most of her life and was a 1980 graduate of West Noble High School.

Mrs. McJunkin enjoyed flowers and reading books.

She was born Dec. 17, 1961, in LaGrange to James and Madeline (Sizemore) Wooten. Her mother survives in Rome City and her father is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Jesse E. Elza of Ligonier; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Deb Wooten of Ligonier.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church, 2900 E. C.R. 1150N, Wolcottville, with Pastor Earl Rose officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 24, 2006, Tuesday

Judith Atkins

LAGRANGE — Judith Ann "Judy" Cook Atkins, 63, of LaGrange died at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at her home following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Mrs. Atkins

Mrs. Atkins had been a receptionist with Metal Loy in Fremont.

She had lived in Fort Wayne and LaGrange County most of her life. She was a 1961 graduate of Wolcottville High School.

Mrs. Atkins attended Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

She was born May 31, 1943, in Kendallville to John and Dorothy (Hall) Cook. They survive at Adams Lake.

She married Tom Atkins on Oct. 5, 2002, in LaGrange County. He survives at Adams Lake.

Also surviving at two daughters, Christine Marshall and Katie Racioppi, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Jeff Marshall of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Dru Atkins of Los Angeles, Calif.; a stepson, Howard "Jeff" Atkins of Tennessee; a sister, Jonquil Vincent of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, Jim Cook of Adams Lake; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John Arnold Cook and Jerry Cook.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, 4860 S. C.R. 450E, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Brad Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the church and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to research for breast cancer.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Luella Kitchen

WOLCOTTVILLE — Luella Rawles Perry Kitchen, 97, of Wabash and formerly of Wolcottville died at 9:40 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Wabash County Hospital in Wabash. Mrs. Kitchen had lived with a daughter in Wabash the past 4 1/2 years.

Mrs. Kitchen

She had spent most of her life in the Wolcottville area and was a 1927 graduate of Wolcottville High School.

Mrs. Kitchen had worked at the Wolcottville library for more than 30 years.

She was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 4, 1909, in Mongo to Squire and Vesta (Meyers) Rawles. She married Herbert W. Kitchen on June 1, 1932. He died in December 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Janis Bailey of Wabash and Judith Rosevear-Pusey of Pocatello, Idaho; three grandchildren, Richard Bailey, Joseph Rosevear and William Rosevear; four great-grandchildren, Joel Bailey, Elizabeth Bailey, Lucas Rosevear and Adriana Rosevear; and two great-grandchildren, Chelsea Bailey and Taylor Robbins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 25, 2006, Wednesday

Ruby Gantt

HUDSON — Ruby D. Gantt, 99, of rural Hudson died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Gantt was born Nov. 15, 1906, in Salem Center to Sherman and Della (Anstett) Strawser. She was married to Harold Gantt on March 20, 1929, in Three Rivers, Mich. He preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 1979.

She was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women, of which she was secretary for many years. She was awarded the Jewel of a Woman Award and was a member of the South Milford Friendship Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bobbie and Reta Howard of Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Richard White of Wolcottville and Shirley and Jerry Garrison of Hudson; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda K. Gantt, in 1947 and a son, Billie Gantt, in 1992.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at South Milford United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Barbara K. Cross officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Harold Smith

AUBURN — Harold M. "Smitty" Smith, 77, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn after an extended illness.

Mr. Smith

Formerly a resident of Gaston in Delaware County, Mr. Smith was an avid supporter and longtime volunteer of Wes-Del High School. He was honored with the Fair Play Award, which is given annually to two Indiana residents for volunteer work in Indiana schools.

He served in the National Guard for 10 years, attaining the rank of master sergeant.

He was born Aug. 21, 1929, in Muncie to Allard and Martha (Davis) Smith.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., Robert Smith of Bluffton, Timothy and Catherine Smith of Auburn and Mark and Angela Smith of Avilla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Bo Lutton of Ligonier; nine grandchildren, Steven Keith, Sandra, Chris, Jarid, Heather, Darci Jo, Bo, Brooke, and Cady; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter and his pet dog, Bear.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Parson Mortuary in Muncie, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Ridge Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Parson Mortuary.

Online condolences are to www.parsonmortuary.com.

David Batchelder

HUDSON — David L. Batchelder, 60, of Hudson died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Batchelder

Mr. Batchelder worked for TFC Canopy Co. in Garrett and formerly was a volunteer firefighter for the Ashley Fire Department.

He was born July 5, 1946, in Millinocket, Maine, to Kenneth and Teresa (Pelkey) Batchelder. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David P. and Angie Batchelder of Hudson and Scott and Peggy Batchelder of Ashley; one daughter, Christine Keener of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

The family will gather Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Ashley Masonic Lodge, where a meal will be served in memory of David Batchelder. Family members and friends are invited to attend.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Miller's Merry Manor of Garrett.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 25, 2006, Wednesday

Wilbert Friesen

SHIPSHEWANA — Wilbert Friesen, 41, of Shipshewana died at 9:56 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at his home following an illness.

Mr. Friesen had been employed at K.Z. RV in Shipshewana.

He was a member of Rosewood Fellowship Church.

He was born Dec. 30, 1964, in Belize, Central America, to Dietrick and Margaret (Reimer) Friesen. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Costa Rica. He married his wife, Janice, May 29, 1991, in El Salvador.

Also surviving are his wife, Janice; five daughters, Brenda, Janette, April, Marlee and Louisa Friesen, all at home; three sons, Justin, Wilbert and Daniel Friesen, all at home; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Esther and David Swartzentruber and Clara and Antonio Valverde, all of Costa Rica, and Martha and Jesse Brubaker of Nicaragua; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Levi and Mildred Friesen, Jacob and Bethany Friesen and Edward and Carmen Friesen, all of Costa Rica, David and Nita Friesen of Nicaragua, and Paul and Damaris Friesen of Tigertown, Texas.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Rosewood Fellowship Church, C.R. 900W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Glenn Yoder, the Rev. Daniel Bontrager, the Rev. Leroy Miller and the Rev. Wendell Miller officiating. Burial will be in Rosewood Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Rosewood Fellowship Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Lily Jacobs

LAGRANGE — Lily B. Jacobs, 93, of LaGrange died at 11:35 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Jacobs

Mrs. Jacobs had been a nurses' aide at St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

She had moved to LaGrange in 1990 from West Plains, Mo.

Mrs. Jacobs was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and Sharing Doll Club of LaGrange.

She was born July 21, 1913, in Montgomery, Ala., to Theodore and Mabel (Perry) Torgeson. She married James L. Jacobs on April 25, 1933, in Liberty. He died July 24, 1959.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mabel and Karl Slack of LaGrange and Virginia and Larry Madison of Ontario, Calif.; two sons, James and Jacque Jacobs of West Plains, Mo., and Paul and Patricia Jacobs of Phoenix; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister and three brothers.

Services will be at a later date in Glendale, Ariz., with burial in Glendale Memorial Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Charles Young Sr.

BORDEN, Ind. — Charles Guy Young Sr., 68, of Borden died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at 12:08 a.m., at Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany.

Mr. Young was a retired district manager for American International General. He had served in the National Guard Reserve.

He was a member of the Borden Community Church, which he served as an elder. He also was a member of Delaware Lodge 96 in Kansas City, Kan., 32nd Degree Mason, Chapter 295 of the Order of Eastern Star, Kansas City, Scottish Rite and Borden Lions Club.

He was born Jan. 22, 1938, in Lawsonville, N.C., to Henry Arthur and Ruth (Tilley) Young. They preceded him in death.

He married Peggy Shepard on May 30, 1959, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles Guy Young Jr. and Michele Young of Louisville, Ky.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Brian Hurst of Borden and Sonja and Brent Winebrenner of Auburn; a brother, Henry Thomas Young of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Mary Young Singleton of Williamston, N.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Borden Community Church with Brother Ralph Tilley and Brother John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Kraft Graceland Entombment, New Albany.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the Hughes-Taylor Funeral Home, 225 W. Main St., Borden, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

A Masonic service will take place Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Borden Lions Club, in care of New Washington Bank, 430 W. Water St., Borden, IN 47106.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 25, 2006, Wednesday

Francis Tester

ALBION — Francis E. Tester, 88, of Albion died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Tester was a native of Fort Wayne.

He had been a truck driver with Commercial of Indiana Motor Freight, retiring in 1980.

Mr. Tester was a member of Teamsters Local 414.

Surviving are his wife, Lois "Betty" Tester of Albion; four sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Janet Tester of Huntertown, Leroy and Barbara Tester of Bel Air, Md., Lloyd and Carol Tester of Plant City, Fla., and Terry and Pat Tester of Albion; a daughter, Donna Iden of Churubusco; 17 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth Sims and Helen Bowers, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Kleinschmidt officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Harold Leazier

CHURUBUSCO — Harold P. Leazier, 79, of Churubusco died at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Among his survivors is his wife, Mildred (Hohnhaus) Leazier.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Glenn Miller

ROME CITY — Glenn Miller, 80, of Rome City died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Paul Kauffman

ROME CITY — Paul Kauffman, 79, of Sylvan Lake at Rome City died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Janetta Mc Ardle

AVILLA — Janetta "Jan" Mc Ardle, 59, of Avilla died at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Among her survivors is her husband, Michael "Mike" Mc Ardle.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Lois Myers

NORTH MANCHESTER — Lois I. Myers, 73, of North Manchester died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Myers had been an elementary school teacher in the Concord, Goshen, Fairfield and Arlington, Va., school systems.

She had served as the Christian education director for York First Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Myers was a graduate of Manchester College and Indiana University South Bend.

She was a member of West Manchester Church of the Brethren and served as assistant chaplain at Timbercrest Retirement Community.

Mrs. Myers was involved in the Elkhart County Jail Ministry and the Church of the Brethren Refugee Resettlement Program sponsoring Cambodian and Romanian families.

She was born Oct. 25, 1932, in Elkhart County to Kenneth and Blanche (Stahley) Michael. She married Charles Myers on Dec. 11, 1965, at Goshen City Church of the Brethren. He survives.

Also surviving is a daughter, Wendy Myers-Garrett of Bloomington; two sisters, Carolyn Michael of Logansport and Ruth Anne Richter of Ligonier; two grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn DeVault, in 1994.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with Timothy Yoder officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heifer Project International or Habitat for Humanity.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 25, 2006, Wednesday

Paul Hellwig, 64

KENDALLVILLE – Paul Hellwig, 64, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at his home.

He was a pharmacist for 41 years and was employed at various drug stores including Brown's Pharmacy in LaGrange and most recently Fisher's Pharmacy in Albion.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and conservationist and loved being outdoors.

Mr. Hellwig was born in Fort Wayne on July 1, 1942, to Eric and Gertrude M. (Ostermeier) Hellwig. He graduated from North Side High School in 1960 and Purdue University in 1965.

Surviving is a son, Joe Hellwig of Rome City.

Preceding him in death were his father in 1983 and his mother in April 2003.

Services were held Monday, October 23, 2006, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Ducks Unlimited.

Francis Tester

Francis E. Tester, 88, died Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a truck driver with Commercial of Indiana Motor Freight retiring in 1980 and was a member of Teamsters Local #414.

Survivors include his wife, Lois "Betty" Tester of Albion; sons, Larry (Janet) Tester of Huntertown, Leroy (Barbara) Tester of Bel Air, MD, Lloyd (Carol) Tester of Plant City, FL, Terry (Pat) Tester of Albion; daughter, Donna K. Iden of Churubusco; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruth Sims and Helen Bowers, both of Fort Wayne.

Service is 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Rev. Donald Kleinschmidt officiating. Calling 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials to American Heart Association.

Janeen King, 70

ALBION – Janeen A. King, 70, of Albion and formerly of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at her home on Skinner Lake.

Mrs. King retired in 1998 from ITT Aerospace and had previously worked at General Electric. After her retirement, she enjoyed traveling and lake living on Skinner Lake.

She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile.

Mrs. King was an avid bowler, golfer and loved playing cards. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed spending time with her grandsons.

She was born April 18, 1936, in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Thomas T. King; a daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Aaron Stovall of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Dr. Angie King of Rome City; grandsons, Austin, Noah and Seth; a brother, Michael Kelley of Indianapolis; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Steve Schulte of South Orange, N.J.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rachel Kelley, and a sister, Patricia Kruse.

Services were held Saturday, October 21, 2006, at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Entombment was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 333 N. Oak St., Suite K, Columbia City, IN 46725 or Shriners Hospital for Children 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 26, 2006, Thursday

Donald Freed

LAGRANGE — Donald D. Freed, 71, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

He had worked as a truck driver for Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., from 1956 to 1997.

He was born Sept. 9, 1935, in LaGrange County to Harry Freed and Buelah M. (Coney) Pant. He married Shirley A. Dunafin on Aug. 5, 1955, in Ashley. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Stanley Notestine of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and LaRaine Freed of Centreville, Mich.; two half brothers, Henry Pant of Fairborn, Ohio, and Morris Pant of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Sarah and Travis Zook of Wolcottville and Thomas Freed of Centreville; three stepgrandchildren, Aaron Marabeas, Daniel Wagner and Michael Wagner; a great-granddaughter, Olivia Zook; and a former daughter-in-law, Pam Freed of Stroh.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Henry Pant; a son, Jimmy DeWayne Freed, in November 1957; a brother, Harold Freed; and a great-grandson, Daniel Notestine.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Richard Weaver

FORT WAYNE — Richard C. Weaver, 84, of Fort Wayne died at his home Monday, Oct. 23, 2006.

He had served in the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Weaver was a member of American Legion Post 82.

Surviving are his children and their spouses, Karen Stewart of Fishers, Linda and Thomas Baumann of Kendallville, Steven and Cindy Weaver of Columbia City and Mark Weaver of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Helen L. Deahl and Katherine Carpenter, both of Fort Wayne, and Barbara L. Shuler of Ashley; and his companion for nearly 27 years, Alleda Elam.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Gregory L. Enstrom officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or First Wayne Street United Methodist.

Harold Leazier

CHURUBUSCO — Harold P. Leazier, 79, of rural Churubusco died at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

A truck driver for most of his life, he retired in 1983 from Belmont Trucking in Fort Wayne after 33 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He was born Sept. 24, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Donald Sr. and Goldie (Guisinger) Leazier. He married Mildred Hohnhaus on Dec. 12, 1953. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, David and Sarah Leazier of Ari, and Greg and Sherle Leazier, Paul and Kathy Leazier, Tim and Lou Ann Leazier and Danny Leazier, all of Churubusco; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Leazier of Churubusco; a sister, Barbara Trefny of Fort Wayne; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Donald Leazier Jr. and Dennis and Barbara Leazier, all of Elmira, Mich., Larry and Lucille Leazier of Montpelier, Ohio, and Wayne and Kathy Leazier of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven Leazier, on Sept. 19, 1999.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ideal Fish & Game Club in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 26, 2006, Thursday

K. Paul Kauffman

ROME CITY — K. Paul Kauffman, 79, of Rome City died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kauffman was a graduate of International Business College and had retired in 1990 after serving as a certified public accountant in Fort Wayne for 40 years.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1946-48.

Mr. Kauffman was a life member of Rome City American Legion Post 381 and Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was also a member of Grace St. John's United Church of Christ, the Indiana Association of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

He was born Feb. 10, 1927, in Berne to Jacob J. and Pearl (Beer) Kauffman. He married Helen M. McOmber on July 31, 1952. She died in 1978. He then married Arla Jane Davito on May 12, 1992, in Las Vegas. She died March 21, 2005.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Keith Andrews of New Haven; a daughter-in-law, Christine Kauffman of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Delbert and Lois Kauffman of Indianapolis; two sisters, Eunice Gilbert of Royer Lake, Wolcottville, and Kathleen Moser of Berne; and grandchildren, Stephanie Kauffman of Fort Wayne, Katie Jo Kauffman and Shannon Kauffman, both of Columbia City, and Sean Andrews and Spencer Andrews, both of New Haven.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Kurt K. Kauffman, in February 2003; a brother-in-law, Dan Gilbert; a brother; and a sister.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Rome City American Legion Post 381 or Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished to correct a reporter's error.*

Ruby Gantt

HUDSON — Ruby D. Gantt, 99, of rural Hudson died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Gantt was born Nov. 15, 1906, in Salem Center to Sherman and Della (Anstett) Strawser. She was married to Harold Gantt on March 20, 1929, in Three Rivers, Mich. He preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 1979.

She was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women, of which she was secretary of many years. She was awarded the Jewel of a Woman Award and was a member of the South Milford Friendship Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bobbie and Reta Hayward of Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Richard White of Wolcottville and Shirley and Jerry Garrison of Hudson; 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda K. Gantt, in 1947 and a son, Billie Gantt, in 1992.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at South Milford United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Barbara K. Cross officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 26, 2006, Thursday

Everett Wiseman

Mr. Wiseman

ORLAND — Everett E. "Gene" Wiseman, 84, of Orland died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Wiseman was born March 25, 1922, in Auburn to Oza and Stella (Cutshall) Wiseman. He was married to LaDonna M. Jones on Jan. 16, 1946, and she preceded him in death on May 19, 2004.

He was the former owner of Wiseman Auto Parts in Orland. He attended Altona School in DeKalb County. He was a World War II Army veteran and a 60-year member of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423. He was an avid NASCAR and Tony Stewart fan, and he enjoyed playing poker with his family.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Mike Clark of Orland and Lynn Wiseman and Steve Foster of Angola; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas E. Wiseman and Kenneth E. Wiseman, both of Orland, and Larry W. and Cindy Wiseman of Howe; a sister, Catherine Jane Giller of Livonia, Mich.; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with military committal services conducted by members of the Orland American Legion.

Memorials are to the Orland American Legion or Greenlawn Cemetery.

Glen Yoder

Mr. Yoder

FORT WAYNE — Glen E. Yoder, 78, of Fort Wayne died at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Yoder had been in declining health the past year.

He had lived in Fort Wayne since 1952 and was a member of First Mennonite Church of Fort Wayne.

He was a retired truck driver.

Mr. Yoder was born Dec. 25, 1927, in LaGrange County to Menno and Susan (Miller) Yoder. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sisters and a brother-in-law, Esther Yoder of Middlebury, Anna Marie and Herman Miller of Marshville, Wis., and Carolyn Yoder of Topeka; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Alfred Beggs officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

John Stucky

Mr. Stucky

LAGRANGE — John D. Stucky, 77, of Turkey Lake, LaGrange, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stucky had moved to Turkey Lake in 1965 from Fort Wayne.

He was retired from International Harvester and Harris-Kayot.

Mr. Stucky was born March 6, 1929, in Berne to Florenz and Metta (Nussbaum) Stucky. He married Ruth Roebuck on June 12, 1948, in Pleasant Mills. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Metta Hike of Turkey Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Rebecca Stucky of Austell, Ga.; three brothers, Roy Stucky of Bronson, Mich., Al Stucky of Decatur and Max Stucky of Angola; three sisters, Helen Lautzenheiser of Berne, Ruby Brouer of Turkey Lake and Bonnie Wall of Bluffton; four grandchildren, Julie Blackburn, W. John Stucky, Melissa Stucky and Jeremy Martin; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stroh Church of Christ with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of Christ.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Glenn Miller Jr.

ROME CITY — Glenn Miller Jr., 80, of Rome City died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Miller Jr.

Mr. Miller had retired in 1988 from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville after 24 years of service. He had been co-owner of the Twin Six Cafe in Wolcottville and a dairy farmer.

He had been the caretaker of Woodruff Cemetery for 35 years and was a member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Mr. Miller was a United States Navy veteran and member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He enjoyed Indiana University basketball, watching Western movies and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Aug. 31, 1926, in Milford Township, LaGrange County, to Glenn Sr. and Leora K. (Randol) Miller. He married Treva Joanne Miller on Dec. 7, 1947, in Helmer. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Susan Miller of Rome City, Sally and Jim Baugues of Lafayette and Sharrita Lawson and her fiance, Mitch Carpenter, of Westler Lake, Wolcottville; a sister and brother-in-law, Wava and Don Albright of Orland; grandchildren, Chase and Sara Paduano of Rome City, Nathan Baugues and Ashley Baugues, both of Lafayette, and Chance Speck and Chanden Lawson, both of Wolcottville; a great-grandson, Logan Speck; and a close friend, Lori Heckber of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Galenn Miller, in 1958; and two brothers, Kenneth Miller and Lt. Clarence Miller.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Community Foundation's 4-H Endowment Fund or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include an additional survivor.*

Luella Kitchen

WOLCOTTVILLE — Luella Rawles Perry Kitchen, 97, of Wabash and formerly of Wolcottville died at 9:40 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Wabash County Hospital in Wabash. Mrs. Kitchen had lived with a daughter in Wabash the past 4 1/2 years.

Mrs. Kitchen

She had spent most of her life in the Wolcottville area and was a 1927 graduate of Wolcottville High School.

Mrs. Kitchen had worked at the Wolcottville library for more than 30 years.

She was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 4, 1909, in Mongo to Squire and Vesta (Meyers) Rawles. She married Herbert W. Kitchen on June 1, 1932. He died in December 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Janis Bailey of Wabash and Judith Rosevear-Pusey of Pocatello, Idaho; three grandchildren, Richard Bailey, Joseph Rosevear and William Rosevear; four great-grandchildren, Joel Bailey, Elizabeth Bailey, Lucas Rosevear and Adriana Rosevear; and three great-grandchildren, Chelsea Bailey, Kristen Bailey and Taylor Robbins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Patrick Zuber

ANGOLA — Patrick Lee Zuber, 44, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at home.

Mr. Zuber

Mr. Zuber was born Oct. 3, 1962, in Coldwater, Mich. to James and Eloise (Bingaman) Zuber.

He was formerly employed by the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Coldwater and SOS Service of Angola. He enjoyed sports. He was a 1981 graduate of Angola High School and a graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Logan Zuber of Waterloo; his former wife, Dee Dee Pankop of Waterloo; his mother in Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Doug and Linda Zuber of Fremont and Tom and Gloria Zuber of Hartland, Mich.; two nieces, Leah Zuber and Alison Fraser; and two nephews, Brent Zuber and Chris Zuber.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Logan Zuber Educational Fund in care of First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

Marguerite Greasby

FREMONT — Marguerite A. Greasby, 93, of Fremont died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Greasby was born April 16, 1913, in Fort Wayne to Edison and Millicent (James) White. She was married to William G. Greasby on April 16, 1942, in Milwaukee, Wis. He preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 2002.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from Fremont High School in 1931. She was a member of the Episcopal Church and the Pokagon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoyed reading and music, and was always involved with the library wherever she lived.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Mayo Sanders of Fort Wayne and Jane and Basil Kio of Boonton, N.J.; two grandchildren, Sally Mulvey of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Christopher Sanders of Warsaw; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her twin sister, Marjorie White; and a brother, Bernard White.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Fremont Public Library.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Janetta McArdle

AVILLA — Janetta M. "Jan" McArdle, 59, of Avilla died at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She had been ill since Sept. 9 with lung and kidney failure.

Mrs. McArdle

Mrs. McArdle had worked for Community State Bank for many years. She began service with the bank at the Avilla branch and retired as the assistant bank manager at the Kendallville branch.

She had moved to Avilla in 1973 from Fort Wayne. She was a graduate of North Side High School

Mrs. McArdle was a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240 Women's Auxiliary and had held most offices in the auxiliary. She and her husband, Mike, had dedicated a great deal of time to the Legion for many years and were involved in many of its projects. She was also a member of the Precious Moments Collectors Club.

She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion and loved singing in the church choir. She enjoyed taking care of her dog, Squirt, going to Gatlinburg, Tenn., crocheting, sewing, camping and shopping.

She was born Dec. 11, 1946, in Columbia City to Leon Federspiel and Dorothy (Jones) Tinney. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

She married Michael John McArdle on Sept. 20, 1968, in Chicago, Ill. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three brothers, Jerry Federspiel of Aberdeen, Ky., Andy Federspiel of Fort Wayne and Ernie Federspiel of Montgomery, Ala.; a sister, Carol Lahr of Fort Wayne; her stepfather, Dean Tinney of Fort Wayne; and many friends.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Patrick McArdle, on May 17, 1986; and a sister, Sandy Eix, in 1987.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion with Father Joachim Quadros officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers will be John Brazzell, Andy Federspiel, Jerry Federspiel, Ernie Federspiel, Jamie Federspiel and Bill Balon. Honorary pallbearers will be Richard Hippenhammer, Todd Love and Dave Smith.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary at 7 p.m., and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
October 26, 2006, Thursday

Brenda McJunkin

LIGONIER — Brenda K. Wooten McJunkin, 44, of Ligonier died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at her mother's home in Rome City. She had been ill since March.

Mrs. McJunkin had worked at Tower Advertising Products in Topeka from 1980 to 1995.

Mrs. McJunkin

She had lived in Noble and LaGrange counties most of her life and was a 1980 graduate of West Noble High School.

Mrs. McJunkin enjoyed flowers and reading books.

She was born Dec. 17, 1961, in LaGrange to James and Madeline (Sizemore) Wooten. Her mother survives in Rome City and her father is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Jesse E. Elza of Ligonier; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Deb Wooten of Ligonier.

Services were this morning at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Earl Rose officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Carolyn VanDrew

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Sue VanDrew, 72, of Kendallville died at 5:42 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. VanDrew had been a resident of Shepherd of the Hill nursing home for 11 years. Prior to that she had lived 15 years in Cromwell and in Hawaii.

She was a homemaker and member of the Lutheran church.

She was born July 9, 1934, in Arkansas to Ruie (Foster) Runnels. She married Raymond John VanDrew. He died in July 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Elaine Miretti and Deborah VanDrew, both of Cromwell; a son, Michael VanDrew of Ashley; six grandchildren, Sarah Miretti of Pennsylvania, Susanna and Ricky Gibson of Leesburg, David Miretti of South Korea, John Miretti of Cromwell, Anna Miretti of Marion and Joseph Miretti of Ligonier; and two great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Gibson and Madison Gibson.

Mrs. VanDrew

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Margaret Ellington, in December 2004.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Shepherd of the Hill Chapel in Kendallville.

Calling will follow the service in the activities room at the nursing home.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to: youngfh@sbcglobal.net.

Berlin Rohrer

GOSHEN — Berlin J. Rohrer, 80, of Goshen died at 9:07 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2006, at his home following a brief illness.

He was born Nov. 27, 1925, in Foraker to Balsar John and Gladys T. (Tilby) Rohrer.

He married Ruth Bollenbacher Feb. 5, 1948. She survives.

He was a former real estate agent in Goshen and worked at Goshen Stamping & Tool in shipping, receiving and expediting for 32 years.

A 1943 graduate of New Paris High School, he was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Goshen. He was on the board of directors for the New Paris Telephone Co. for more than 25 years and worked in a voting precinct for 53 years.

He was a Red Coat volunteer at Goshen General Hospital for many years, and a past member of the Goshen Noon Exchange Club. He enjoyed bowling, golf and camping, and was a Chicago Cubs fan. He and his wife wintered in Bradenton, Fla., for 10 years.

Survivors include twin daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Norris Stump of Cromwell, and Joyce and Michael Minnich of Goshen; two sons, Randy Rohrer and Sharon Manson of Ligonier and Mark Rohrer and Brenda Cook of Goshen; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Goshen with the Rev. Duane Schafer officiating. Burial was in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorial contributions are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice-Care at Home or Trinity Lutheran Church, Goshen.

Online condolences may be sent to www.rrefh.com.

ADVANCE LEADER
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Dr. Harry Wallace

LIGONIER — Dr. Harry R. "Doc" Wallace, 81, of Ligonier died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Regency Place.

Dr. Wallace was a chiropractor. He had an office for more than 50 years in Ligonier and for 20 years in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Indiana Chiropractic Association and the International Chiropractic Association.

Dr. Wallace was a member of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite and honorary Kentucky Colonel. He was also a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post and the Hoosier War Birds.

He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Force pilot.

Dr. Wallace was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 11, 1925, in Briensburg, Ky.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Oma Lee Wallace of Ligonier; children, Ronald and Janet Wallace of Cincinnati, Ohio, Barbara and Ron Weimer of Tampa, Ohio, Russell and Pam Wallace of Tulsa, Okla., Beverly and Jim Story of Muncie, and Becky Brady and Beth and Dan Wilkins, all of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Services are pending at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

Debbie Davis

LIGONIER — Debbie Lynn Davis, 51, of Ligonier died at 3:54 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a forklift operator at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier, where she had worked for 26 years. She enjoyed reading, playing cards and watching sports, especially NASCAR and Colts football.

The West Noble High School graduate was born Sept. 26, 1955, in Goshen to John and Lorenea (Marchand) Davis.

Surviving are a close companion and longtime friend, Terry Davis of Cromwell; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Robert and Tina Young of Hudson and John Young of Perry, Mich.; eight grandchildren; her mother and stepfather, Lorenea and William Karst of Cromwell; three brothers, Roger Davis and his wife, Debbi, of Larwill, Gary Davis of Victoria, Texas, and Randy Davis and his wife, Midori, of Carmel; and a sister, Janelle Johnson of Ligonier.

Preceding her in death was her father, John Davis.

Services wereMonday at Big Lake Church of God, south of Wolf Lake, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer officiating.

Memorials are to Big Lake Church of God.

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Glenn Walrich

KENDALLVILLE — Retired educator and founding member of Common Grace Glenn A. Walrich, 75, of Kendallville died at 1:40 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Walrich had battled cancer for the past year.

Mr. Walrich

Mr. Walrich had moved to the community 18 years ago from Crystal Lake, Ill.

He had retired after a 31-year career in education. He taught elementary school from 1955 to 1960 at Gibson City, Ill., and from 1960 to 1986 in Crystal Lake.

He was an active member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where he was involved with Faith in Action and missions. He had led many mission trips.

Mr. Walrich was also active nationally with the United Methodist Church's UMCOR relief agency and on the national board of the church's Appalachia Service Project.

He was also active in the Salvation Army with building, maintenance and the bell-ringing projects.

Mr. Walrich served in the artillery division of the U.S. Army in Germany.

He was born May 15, 1931, in Thawville, Ill., to Jay B. and Phyllis (Allen) Walrich. He married Marilyn Merritt in 1960 in the EUB Church in Gibson City. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Diane Walrich of Brownsburg and Dirk and Jennifer Walrich of Grayslake, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Joanne and Larry Kynast of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Peggy Walrich of Colton, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Common Grace, the Appalachia Service Project or the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in care of Trinity Church United Methodist.

Lulu Bell Leathers

KENDALLVILLE — Lulu Bell Leathers, 96, of Butler and formerly of Kendallville and Lawrenceville, Ill., died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Leathers had lived at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville for four years before moving to Laurels of DeKalb in 2004.

She was a homemaker and provided private care to the elderly.

Mrs. Leathers was a member of Free Methodist Church in Lawrenceville.

She was born Oct. 8, 1910, in Lawrenceville to Cassius Plummer and Dora Mae (Duncan) Thompson. She first married Raymond Fry and then married Harvey Leathers, who preceded her in death in 1977.

Surviving are two nephews and their wives, Donald and Karen Crawford of LaOtto and Roger and Phyllis Crawford of Vian, Okla.; and a niece and her husband, Wilma and Lyle Mueller of Mission, Texas.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Bob and Otis Thompson, and a sister, Anna Calhoun in 1984.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) Monday at Lawrenceville City Cemetery in Lawrenceville, Ill., with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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LaDial White

BUTLER — LaDial E. White, 74, of Butler died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at 7 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, where she was admitted Oct. 19.

Mrs. White

She was born Nov. 10. 1931, in Thorncreek Township of Whitley County to John Franklin and Thelma Pauline (Bauserman) Hawn. When she was a young girl, her family moved to Larwill. She completed her education at Larwill High School.

On Dec. 19, 1953, she married Arthur D. White. They lived in Columbia City until 1993, when they moved to Butler. Mr. White died Jan. 18, 2006.

Surviving are a four daughters and three sons-in-law, Ronda and Gary Andrews of Butler, Robyn and Greg Ellerman of Rowlett, Texas, RaeAnne Minnix of Butler and ReAnne and Chris Speelman of Paulding, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randall and Julie White of Jacksonville, Fla., and Roger and Ginger White of Claypool; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Retha Cluster of Butler and Margaret "Peg" Yoder of Angola; and four brothers, Duane Hawn of Larwill, Derryl Hawn of Garrett, Marion "Manny" Hawn of Rome City and Kerwin "Kirby" Hawn of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Noelys Martin, and a brother, Keith Hawn, in addition to her husband and parents.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. The Rev. Mike McKinney, pastor of Rome City United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a final expense account at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Helen Gentry

NEWBURGH — Helen Marjorie Gentry, 91, of Newburgh and formerly of Angola, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at Woodlands Convalescent Center.

She moved from Angola to Newburgh, where her daughter and son-in-law resided, six years ago. In Angola she was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ and served as its secretary. She was an officer and named Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Club in Angola. She worked with her husband as a professional photographer's assistant. Most recently she was a member of St. John's East United Congregational Church of Christ in Evansville.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lynda H. and Terry Johnston of Newburgh; two grandchildren, Tim Johnston of Scottsburgh and Patty Swanson and her husband, Tore, of Cincinnati, Ohio; five great-grandchildren, Christopher and Alyssa Johnston and Kara, Elizabeth and Sam Swanson; and a sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Wes Pangburn of California.

Her husband, Richard H. Gentry, and sister, Elsie Pat Ford of LaPorte, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. John's East United Congregational Church of Christ in Evansville. Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Services in Angola will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Friends and family members may visit at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to St. John's East United Congregational Church of Christ, 7000 Lincoln Ave., Evansville, IN 47714. Condolences can be made online at www.mem.com. Alexander Newburgh Chapel, 5333 S.R. 261, Newburgh, is in charge of arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error.*

Harold Leazier

CHURUBUSCO — Harold P. Leazier, 79, of rural Churubusco died at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

A truck driver for most of his life, he retired in 1983 from Belmont Trucking in Fort Wayne after 33 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He was born Sept. 24, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Donald Sr. and Goldie (Guisinger) Leazier. He married Mildred Hohnhaus on Dec. 12, 1953. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, David and Sarah Leazier of Ari, and Greg and Sherle Leazier, Paul and Kathy Leazier, Tim and Lou Ann Leazier and Danny Hofferberth, all of Churubusco; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Leazier of Churubusco; a sister, Barbara Trefny of Fort Wayne; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Donald Leazier Jr. and Dennis and Barbara Leazier, all of Elmira, Mich., Larry and Lucille Leazier of Montpelier, Ohio, and Wayne and Kathy Leazier of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven Leazier, on Sept. 19, 1999.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ideal Fish & Game Club in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

May Wappes

CHURUBUSCO — May B. Wappes, 95, of Columbia City and formerly of Churubusco died at 2:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Among her survivors is a son, Bernard Wappes of Churubuso, and a daughter, Marilyn Keirn of Albion.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include additional information.*

Ruby Gantt

LAGRANGE — Ruby D. Gantt, 99, of rural Hudson, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church and was secretary of its United Methodist Women for many years. She also belonged to the South Milford Friendship Club.

She was born Nov. 15, 1906, in Salem Center to Sherman and Della (Anstett) Strawser. On March 20, 1929, in Three Rivers, Mich., she married Harold Gantt, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 1979. A daughter, Linda K. Gantt, died in 1947 and a son, Billie Gantt, in 1992. Two stepdaughters, FloRose Koenig and Sharon Swoveland, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bobbie and Reta Hayward of rural Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Richard White of Wolcottville and Shirley and Jerry Garrison of rural Hudson; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were today at 10 a.m. at South Milford United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Barbara K. Cross officiating. Burial was in Wright Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church. Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson was in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Amos Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Amos J. Miller, 89, of Shipshewana died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at home.

Mr. Miller was born May 12, 1917, in LaGrange County to Joseph B. and Sarah (Troyer) Miller. He was married to Elmina Christner on Jan. 18, 1940, and she died Jan. 17, 1970. On Jan. 28, 1971, he was married to Ada Bontrager, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 20, 1989. He then married Wilma Miller on Nov. 1, 1992, and she survives.

He was a clock repairman and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Andy Troyer and Katie and Marvin Ray Miller, all of Shipshewana; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Levi and Amelia Fry and Alton and Leanna Fry, all of Shipshewana; four stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Edna and Sam Yoder of Hicksville, Ohio, Ann and Clayton Knepp of Haven, Kan., Irene and Roman Hochstetler of Goshen and Ruby and David Kuhns of Shipshewana; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Clare and Dan Miller of Topeka; 15 grandchildren, 13 stepgrandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 17 step-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Daniel Miller; two infant sons; five great-grandchildren; four brothers, Sam, Wally, Dan and Joe Miller; a sister, Lydia Miller; and an infant sister, Elizabeth Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the 850 Center, an eighth of a mile north of U.S. 20 on C.R. 850W, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Levi Miller and the Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Miller residence, 8350 W. S.R. 120, Shipshewana.

Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Arrangements are being handled by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Richard Weaver

FORT WAYNE — Richard C. Weaver, 84, of Fort Wayne died at his home Monday, Oct. 23, 2006.

Mr. Weaver had been a lifetime Fort Wayne resident.

He had served in the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Weaver was a member of American Legion Post 82.

He retired from Indiana Michigan Power in 1987 after 30 years of service as a mechanic. He was a member of American Legion Post 82, Parkview Fitness Center and the Turnstone Center.

Surviving are his children and their spouses, Karen Stewart of Fishers, Linda and Thomas Baumann of Kendallville, Steven and Cindy Weaver of Columbia City and Mark Weaver of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Helen L. Deahl and Katherine Carpenter, both of Fort Wayne, and Barbara L. Shuler of Ashley; and his companion for nearly 27 years, Alleda Elam.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Gregory L. Enstrom officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

L. Helen Bowers

FORT WAYNE — Former Churubusco resident L. Helen Bowers, 93, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at Canterbury Nursing Home in Fort Wayne, where she had been a resident for the past seven years, after a long illness.

Mrs. Bowers was born Sept. 13, 1913, in Portland to George Washington and Bessie (Robards) Davis. She was married to Harry A. Bowers in Fort Wayne on June 14, 1941. He preceded her in death on Sept. 6, 1977.

She spent her formative years in Jay County, and graduated from Portland High School in 1931.

She and her husband spent the early years of their marriage in Portland, until moving to Churubusco in 1948. She was formerly employed at the Wayne Knitting Mills in Fort Wayne, and did private domestic work in her later years.

She attended the Churubusco United Methodist Church, and was a member of its United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Foote of Hamler, Ohio; a sister, Ruth Robinson of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Caleb and Duetta Davis of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Laura Showen of Hamler, Monte Dafforn and Sara Foote, both of Albion, and Andy Foote of South Bend; four great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Frances Gross.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Salamonia Cemetery, Jay County. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Arrangements are being handled by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

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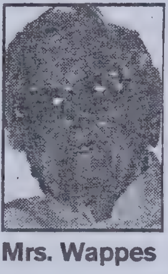
May Wappes

COLUMBIA CITY — Former Churubusco resident May B. Wappes, 95, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at The Oaks in Columbia City, where she had been a patient since August.


Mrs. Wappes

Mrs. Wappes was born in Smith Township on April 30, 1911, to Jesse B. and Lillie (Prough) Zeigler. She was married to Raymond Wappes in Churubusco on Sept. 28, 1934, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 5, 1976.

She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1930. After her marriage, she and her husband spent all their married lives in the Churubusco area. She was a homemaker all of her life, and she also worked for five years as a drapery seamstress for Freeman's Department Store in Columbia City.

She was a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Catherine Wappes of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn S. and Rick Keirn of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph and Delores Zeigler and Allen and Jeannie Zeigler, all of Churubusco; five sisters, Geraldine Growcock, Betty Crabill and Barbara Nicodemus, all of Columbia City and Martha Wappes and Joy Follis, both of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by seven brothers, John, Ben, Lee, Marshall, Clarence, Jay and Don Zeigler, and a grandson, Terry Wappes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Craig Alan Myers officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery north of Huntertown.

Memorials are to Blue River Church of the Brethren, The Oaks or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Katie Lehman

TOPEKA — Katie E. Lehman, 95, of Topeka died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at home. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Lehman was born Nov. 25, 1910, in LaGrange County to Emanuel and Polly (Lehman) Hershberger. She was married to Yost Lehman in LaGrange County on Feb. 26, 1931. He preceded her in death on March 1, 1978.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Polly Farmwald of LaGrange and Anna and Ora Beechy, Mary and Delbert Bontrager and Fannie Lehman, all of Topeka; five sons and daughters-in-law, Levi and Barbara Lehman of Homerville, Ohio, Joni and Miriam Lehman of LaGrange, Amos and Ruby Lehman of Goshen and Perry and Fannie Lehman and Samuel and Ida Mae Lehman, all of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-law, Joni and Barbara Hershberger of Chester Hill, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Kathryn Hershberger of Bronson, Mich.; 26 grandchildren; 19 stepgrandchildren; 84 great-grandchildren; 100 step-great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Reuben Hershberger; and three sisters, Amelia Whetstone, Mattie Miller and Mary Gingerich.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Lehman family residence, 3720 S. C.R. 500W, Topeka, with the Rev. Freeman Lambright and the Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be after 3 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Lehman residence.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Arrangements are being handled by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

K. Paul Kauffman

ROME CITY — K. Paul Kauffman, 79, of Rome City died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kauffman was a graduate of International Business College and had retired in 1990 after serving as a certified public accountant in Fort Wayne for 40 years.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1946-48.

Mr. Kauffman was a life member of Rome City American Legion Post 381 and Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was also a member of Grace St. John's United Church of Christ, the Indiana Association of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

He was born Feb. 10, 1927, in Berne to Jacob J. and Pearl (Beer) Kauffman. He married Helen M. McOmber on July 31, 1952. She died in 1978. He then married Arla Jane Davito on May 12, 1992, in Las Vegas. She died March 21, 2005.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Keith Andrews of New Haven; a daughter-in-law, Christine Kauffman of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Delbert and Lois Kauffman of Indianapolis; two sisters, Eunice Gilbert of Royer Lake, Wolcottville, and Kathleen Moser of Berne; and grandchildren, Stephanie Kauffman of Fort Wayne, Katie Jo Kauffman and Shannon Kauffman, both of Columbia City, and Sean Andrews and Spencer Andrews, both of New Haven.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Kurt K. Kauffman, in February 2003; a brother-in-law, Dan Gilbert; a brother; and a sister.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Rome City American Legion Post 381 or Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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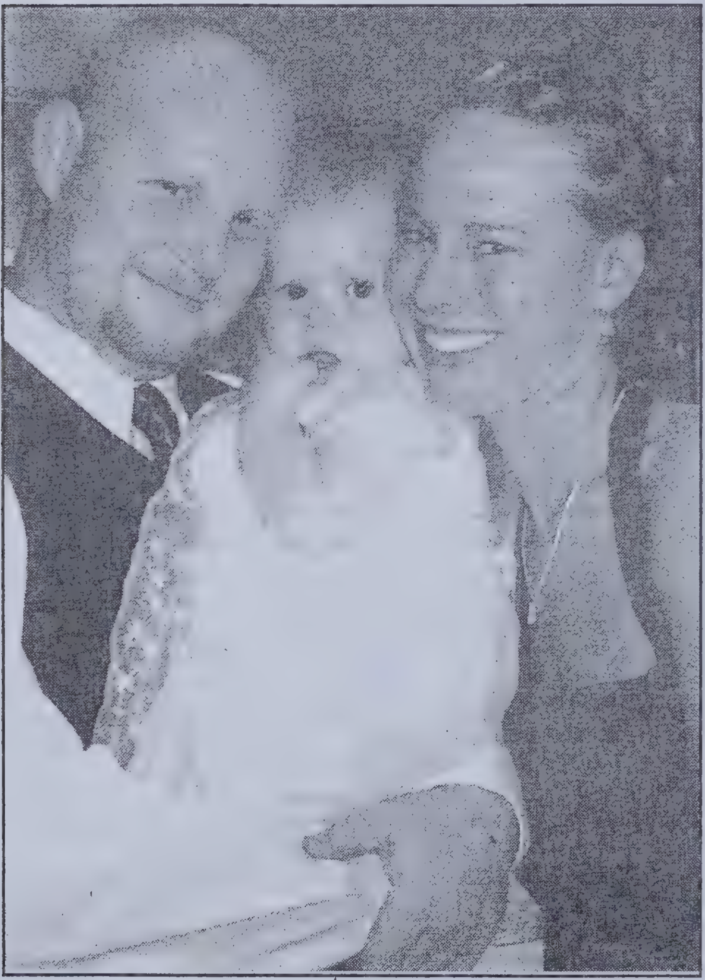
Her smile could light up a room

Angie Knauer was devoted mother, daughter, sister, friend



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Greg and Angie Knauer hold their daughter, Allie, during a wedding reception two years ago. Angie, who passed away July 14, and Greg remained close friends even after they divorced.

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BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — On the day Angie Knauer was laid to rest, several mourners saw a pink butterfly soar across the cemetery.

Which doesn't sound very meaningful at first, until her father, Mike Cain, explains it.

"Pink butterflies don't exist around here," Mike said. "They do in South America and some other places, but not here."

Mike realizes the butterfly may not have actually been pink, but may have appeared so because of the lighting or any number of other reasons. But he knows his daughter loved butterflies, and he and his family are positive the pink butterfly was a message from Angie.

"We know she's in heaven; we know she's with the Lord," he said. "That butterfly was affirmation. God provided that pink butterfly."

Angie, 21, died July 14 in an automobile accident. Her family and friends remembered her as a girl who loved to dance, loved the holidays and was fiercely loyal and independent. But the one thing they all kept coming back to was Angie's beaming smile.

"She had that beautiful smile, and she could work it," said Angie's mother, Kathy. "She worked at Geoffrey Bean (at Prime Outlets at Fremont), and I always said she could sell clothes to a nudist."

Angie's older sister, Michelle Young, agreed.

"Her smile," she said softly, "entered a room before she did."

One of Angie's truest joys was being a mother to her 3-year-old daughter, Allie Jane. Angie's family is making it a point to collect every possible memory of Angie and keep them all safe for when Allie is older.

"I'm doing a book," said Michelle. "One of my friends gave me a journal, and I'm writing down every memory, from the good to the bad to the stupid."

Michelle said she knew Angie and Allie were forever bonded mere hours after Allie was born.

"She loved her baby girl so much. You could tell just by the way she looked at her," Michelle said. "She called Allie her dove."

Allie, although she misses her mother, is now bringing comfort to others who loved Angie.

"She'll say, 'Mommy's in heaven and 'She'd be here if she could,'" Kathy said.

Michelle and Angie were five years apart. Their birthdays were both in April — Michelle's on the 25th and Angie's on the 29th.

"She was my fifth birthday present," Michelle said with a tearful smile.

Angie and Michelle had their sisterly tiffs, but when it came down to it, they were protective and supportive of each other. When Michelle had broken up with a boyfriend several years ago, it was Angie who assured Michelle she was beautiful, worthy and deserved better.

"She said, 'Look at yourself, you're a beautiful girl and you are going to find someone who will treat you like Cinderella,'" Michelle said. "She told me she couldn't wait until that happened, so she could say 'I told you so.'"

Six months later, Michelle met Quentin Young, the man who would become her husband.

"The first time Angie met Quentin, she looked at me, smiled, and said, 'I told you so,'" Michelle said.

Allie will also have the benefit of hours of video footage Mike has shot over the years. Kathy is in the process of getting all the recorded images of family vacations, birthdays and events transferred to DVD.

"We used to make fun of Dad because he always had the video camera," Michelle said. "Now we're like, 'Oh my gosh, thank-you so much.'"

Angie, though small in stature, had a soft spot in her heart for those who were gentle and downtrodden.

"She was always concerned about the underdog," Mike said.

Concerned enough that she was never afraid to stand up for them when the situation warranted it.

"She must have been in second grade, and she weighed all of 50 pounds," Michelle said. "These big boys — they were probably in middle school — were picking on this little boy who lived a couple of doors down from us. She went right up to them, pointed in their faces, and told them they'd better stop picking on him."

Angie became a hero to the boy she defended, and when she passed away that boy, now a grown man, made a contribution to Allie's education fund.

One of Angie's best friends was her ex-husband, Greg Knauer. The two met when they were both students at Angola High School. They were married for a brief time,

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and Greg is Allie's father.

"One of the things I loved most about her was her sense of humor," Greg said, smiling at the memory. "She had one of the best."

Angie loved holidays, especially Christmas and Easter. She always made a big production of things, buying Allie themed outfits and shopping for gifts well in advance.

"In her closet, we found two shirts that my husband had liked at Geoffrey Beene and the cologne he'd just been griping about being out of," Michelle said. "We have no doubt that those were Angie's Christmas presents for him."

The holidays this year will be bittersweet for Angie's family.

"The holidays will be difficult without her," Mike said.

Greg remembered Angie as athletic. She loved to play soccer, which she did for Angola High School. She was also a cheerleader and a gymnast and played softball.

"Playing church softball with her was a special memory for me," Mike said. "She had always played when she was younger, but on the church team we were playing together."

Angie also loved tennis (she was ambidextrous, and Michelle said she had "no backhand, just two forehands") and ping-pong, and was very skilled at both. Michelle said Quentin, to whom Angie was very close, used to say Angie was "the only girl he wasn't ashamed to get beaten by."

As fearless as she was (she snuck away from her parents when she was 5 years old to go off the high-dive at the Tri-State University swimming pool), Angie had a horrible aversion to two things — snakes and spiders.

"Her dad let her watch 'Arachnophobia,' and she didn't sleep under the covers for two years," Kathy said.

Fear of spiders was something Angie and Michelle shared.

"We never went to bed without doing spider checks," Michelle said.

Lest anyone say that Angie's family and friends wore rose-colored glasses as far as Angie was concerned, Kathy quashed the notion. Angie was 21 years old, and she went through her rough patches and rebellions just like everyone else.

"She was a wonderful girl, and we loved her and we miss her," Kathy said with a grin. "But she wasn't perfect."

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Robert Olenyik

AUBURN — Robert J. Olenyik, 78, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Olenyik formerly lived in Newton, N.C., where he was a member of the First Newton Presbyterian Church. After graduating from high school, he attended Washington University in St. Louis.

He was born Oct. 26, 1928, in St. Louis, Mo., to John and Elizabeth Olenyik. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Janet Olenyik in St. Louis on Nov. 11, 1950. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, John R. Olenyik, Torrington, Wyo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Dr. Douglas Morrow, Auburn; and six grandchildren, Matthew, James, Nathan and Andrew Morrow, and Kelly and Chris Olenyik.

A memorial service will be Monday at 6 p.m. at the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Kay Thomas

ANGOLA — Kay Frances Thomas, 63, of Angola, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

On Sept. 24, 1943, she was born in Decatur to Layke and Sally (Williams) Scherry.

She was a high school teacher for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, retiring in August. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, and the BPW.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Leif and JudiMarie Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa., Layk and Kristen Thomas, Angola, and Lane and Jennifer Thomas, Butler; a brother, Noel Scherry; and three grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, with Pastor Wayne C. Berkesch officiating.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and one hour prior to the services at the church.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Sanford Porter

MARK CENTER, OHIO — Sanford "Sam" Porter, 72, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville, Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Calling is today from 4 to 9 p.m. and one hour prior to Monday's services at the funeral home.

Marjorie Hill

COLDWATER, Mich. — Marjorie Leone Hill, 88, of Coldwater, died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at the Laurels of Coldwater with her granddaughter and great granddaughter at her side.

On July 17, 1919, in Branch County, she was born to Jacob and Zada (Vreeland) Himebaugh.

She married Virgil Ed Hill on July 24, 1947, in Angola. He preceded her in death in 2000.

She was a lifelong Coldwater area resident.

Mrs. Hill retired in 1984 from Sturgis Newport Paper after 35 years of service. She was a member of Snow Prairie Bible Church and enjoyed reading, embroidery and bird watching.

Surviving are a granddaughter and her spouse, Lori and Bob Ferry, Coldwater; two grandsons and a spouse, Edward and Leona Smurr and Larry Smurr, all of Coldwater; eight great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, David Smurr, Sherwood, Mich.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jeanette and Richard Burnside, St. Joseph, Mich., and LaMoyne Davis, Battle Creek, Mich.; and two sisters-in-law, Betty Vaile, Centreville, Mich., and Mary Ann Himbaugh, Bronson, Mich.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were a daughter, Donna May Smurr, and a great-grandson, Zebson Zabonick.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, Mich., with calling from 9:30 a.m. Monday until the services at the funeral home. Burial will be in Matteson Township Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.kolcz.com.

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Fiery U.S. 20 crash kills 1

BY YVONNE SCHROEDER
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ANGOLA — A fiery car-semi crash claimed the life of one person Sunday evening.

Police had not released the name of the fatally injured person early today, pending notification of relatives.

According to Steuben County Sheriff's Department reports, Gregory E. Rebeau, 54, of Napoleon, Ohio, was driving a tractor-trailer west on U.S. 20 near C.R. 700E at around 8:30 p.m. Police said the driver of an eastbound passenger car then crossed the center lane and crashed head-on with the truck. That driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash caused Rebeau's truck to leave the highway and come to a stop in a field on the north side of the highway, where it burst into flames. Rebeau wore a seat belt, and was able to exit the burning vehicle. He escaped with a broken finger, and was transported to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital for treatment.

The passenger car came to rest on the south side of the highway, where Steuben County Coroner Rodney Snyder pronounced the driver dead of a head injury. The driver wore a seatbelt and the car's airbags had deployed.

No adverse weather conditions existed at the time of the crash, the police report said.

Assisting the sheriff's department and coroner with the investigation were Indiana State Police, the Angola Police Department, Steuben County Emergency Medical Service, Angola Fire/Rescue, the Metz Volunteer Fire Department, Parkview Hospital's Samaritan helicopter and the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Donald Goings

ROME CITY — Donald L. Goings, 88, of Rome City died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending on Friday at Rome City United Methodist Church. Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Chris Hamilton

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Chris Hamilton, 29, of Three Rivers died Sunday at home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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He married Janet Rogers in St. Louis on Nov. 11, 1950. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, John R. Olenyik of Torrington, Wyo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Dr. Douglas Morrow of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Matthew, James, Nathan and Andrew Morrow, and Kelly and Chris Olenyik.

A memorial service will be tonight at 6 in the Auburn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William Haworth officiating.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Tara Arnold

ANGOLA — Tara Lynne Arnold, 20, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, in a car accident in Angola.

Miss Arnold

Ms. Arnold was born April 19, 1986, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Matthew Arnold and Marcia (Patterson) Jones. She moved to Angola from Hicksville in 1996.

She was a sophomore at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. She graduated from Angola High School, where she was an honor student. At AHS, she was a member of the volleyball team and the Spanish Club.

She worked as a waitress at Applebee's and as a confinement officer at the Steuben County Jail.

Surviving are her father and stepmother, Matthew and Linda Arnold of Bryan, Ohio; her mother and stepfather, Marcia and Todd Jones of Angola; grandparents, Neal and Soni Patterson of Angola and Mary Arnold of Lake Wales, Fla.; stepgrandparents, Albert and Elsie Kramer of Port Huron, Mich., and Ruby Jones of Angola; a great-grandmother, Evelyn Gottschalk of Angola; a brother, Connor Neal Jones of Angola; a stepbrother and stepsister-in-law, Sean and Amiee Jones of Venice, Fla.; two nephews and a spouse, Zach Jones of Venice and Dirk and Kathy Arnold of Red River, Mich.; two stepsisters, Heidi Keller and Lauren Jones, both of Bryan; an uncle and aunt, Todd and Jen Patterson of Angola; and an aunt and uncle, Lori and Scott Houlton of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Tara Arnold Scholarship Fund at the Steuben County Community Foundation.

Charles Ehrlich

CROOKED LAKE — Charles L. Ehrlich, 69, of Crooked Lake died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Ehrlich was born in Brazil, Ind., on May 4, 1937, to Lewis S. and Helena J. (Hann) Ehrlich. He was married to Evelyn Ann Lawrence on Nov. 3, 1957, in Brazil, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways in Fremont. He was a member of Local Teamsters Union 414 and the Angola United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles L. and Dawndi Ehrlich of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce A. and Sam Kramer of Bloomington and Jenny L. and Doug Stukey of Fremont; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Angola United Methodist Church. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Pauline Schinnerer

FORT WAYNE — Pauline F. "Polly" Schinnerer, 83, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at the Towne House in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schinnerer was born in Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker and also worked for General Electric for eight years as a payroll clerk.

She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and a charter member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont. She was a member of the Steuben County Women's Club and a Lutheran Home volunteer for nine years. She was a Pink Lady for the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich., and was a Towne House volunteer.

Surviving are a daughter, Pamela Lewis of Woodridge, Ill.; two sons, Edward Schinnerer of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Kip Schinnerer of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Karen and Daniel Schinnerer, Melissa Moore, Krista, Trina and Chad Lewis, Stacey Dunham and Brad Schinnerer; a sister, Luella Fenning of Vancouver, Wash.; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward M. Schinnerer; and a sister, Helen Hunicutt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church.

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Richard Douglas

ANGOLA — Richard Douglas, 79, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Douglas was born June 18, 1927, in Mancelona, Mich., to Walter and Hazel Mary (Rogers) Douglas. He was married to Charlotte Wagner in Angola on March 19, 1955, and she survives.

He and his wife raised their children in Vicksburg, Mich. In 1974 they moved to White Pigeon, Mich. After his retirement in 1991, he and his wife began living for half the year in Florida.

He was a mechanic by trade but was also a certified baker and did plumbing, electrical work, construction and woodworking, among other things. He worked as a mechanic at L.A. Excavating in White Pigeon, Mich.

He moved to Angola in 1998 and worked for Creative Dining at Tri-State University, where he served breakfast to the students.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, where he was a Eucharistic minister and an usher. He was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Also surviving are a son, Steven W. Douglas of Bangor, Mich.; two daughters, Sandra K. Farmer of Mendon, Mich. and Elizabeth A. Ickes of Angola; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Richard Michael Douglas; and a sister, Virginia Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be

Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. with Rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Building Fund.

Rolland Dahl

ANGOLA — Rolland C. Dahl, 84, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Dahl was born Dec. 27, 1921, in Valley City, N.D., to August and Minnie (Wendt) Dahl. On June 24, 1950, he married Lorrayne R. Edland in Valley City. She preceded him in death on Feb. 24, 2003.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater, earning two Bronze Stars. He worked for the U.S. government in the Civil Service for the U.S. Navy from 1955-69. In 1969 he moved his family to Angola and went to work for GTE, retiring after 25 years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Kim Kellett of Orland; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Bob and Daphne Dahl of Bluffton and Jim and Paul Dahl, both of Angola; a sister, Mildred Oien of Buena Park, Calif.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Julian, Marvin and Ronald Dahl; and a sister, Doris Moslett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Christine Hamilton

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Christine Ann Hamilton, 29, of Three Rivers died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, at her home.

Miss Hamilton

Miss Hamilton was a homemaker.

She was the president of the Norton Elementary School PTO in Three Rivers, Scout den leader and Webmaster of Pack 444 in Three Rivers and head of the Brownies.

She was born June 18, 1977, in Goshen to Richard and Betty (Boyle) Hamilton. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Three Rivers.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kayla Nicole Hamilton, at home; a son, Dylan Richard Hamilton, at home; two brothers, Jim Hamilton of Indiana and Ronnie Hamilton of Arizona; three sisters, Connie Low of Canada and Linda McDarby and Debbie Dunlap, both of Arizona; and her fiance, Bill Crapo of Three Rivers.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Donald Goings

ROME CITY — Donald L. Goings, 88, of Rome City died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Goings

Mr. Goings had retired in 1981 from East Noble School Corp. following 36 years in education. He had taught agriculture and related sciences at Wawaka, Laketon and Rome City.

He had lived in Rome City since 1951.

Mr. Goings was a charter and 50-year member of the Rome City Lions Club. He was a Noble County 4-H leader for more than 50 years and a founder of the Helping Hands 4-H Club in Orange Township.

He received the Sagamore of the Wabash award in 2000.

Mr. Goings served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army artillery division during World War II.

He was a member of the Rome City American Legion Post and the Retired Teachers Noble Chapter.

Mr. Goings was an active member of Rome City United Methodist Church and Emmaus Community.

He was born Feb. 21, 1918, in Spencerville to William F. and Margaret R. (Essig) Goings. He married Nellie Lower on Oct. 15, 1942, at Wawaka Methodist Church. She died Jan. 7, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Gloria Zimmer of Bozeman, Mont.; a sister, Ruth Ann Tester of Auburn; two brothers, James Goings of Philadelphia, Pa., and John Goings of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Donna Goings of Anderson; four grandchildren, Kurt Goings of Vancouver, Wash., Anna and Bryon Wolfe of Raytown, Mo., Shannon and Scott Tibbs of Bloomington and Sherri Goings of Lansing, Mich.; and three great-grandchildren, Harrison, Charles and Philip Wolfe.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rob Goings.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Rome City United Methodist Church with Pastor Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideon's International, Rome City United Methodist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Yelton

LIGONIER — Joseph Mark Yelton was stillborn at 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Surviving are his parents, Mark A. and Tanya J. (Peterson) Yelton of Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sisters, Brianne and Gabrielle Yelton, both at home; maternal grandparents, Bill and Colleen Peterson of Duluth, Minn.; paternal grandparents, Michael Sr. and Myra Yelton of Ligonier; and aunts and uncles, Michael Jr. and Connie Yelton, Chad Peterson, Jason and Tricia Peterson and Jesse Peterson.

Graveside services were today at Maple Grove Cemetery near Topeka with Pastor Joey Nelson of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier officiating.

Mildred Targgart

WAWAKA — Mildred Ruth Targgart, 90, of Wawaka died at 1:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange where she had been a resident the past 3 1/2 years.

Mrs. Targgart was a homemaker and had lived in the area most of her life.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was born Nov. 24, 1915, in Ohio to Jessie and Ethel (Gill) Huser. She married Roy Targgart on March 28, 1937, in Churubusco. He died April 13, 1981.

Surviving are eight children and their spouses, Flossie Smith of Onalaska, Texas, Phyllis and Don Myers of Mongo, Martha and George Schrock of Ligonier, Bill and Barb Targgart and Terry and Mary Targgart, all of Wawaka, Kenny Targgart of LaGrange, Kay and Dave Peterson of Brownsburg, and Jim and Sherry Targgart of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Donna Belle Shell of Ligonier; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Tim Schrock, and a great-granddaughter, Brook Nicole Targgart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Life Care Center of LaGrange Activity Department.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 31, 2006, Tuesday

Janice Ellis

GREENFIELD — Janice L. Ellis, 52, of Greenfield died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Ellis was a former secretary for the Noble County Probation Office and served as a reserve officer with the Albion Police Department.

She was a native of Greenfield and 1972 graduate of Eastern Hancock High School.

Mrs. Ellis was a member of Mohawk United Methodist Church, Rome City American Legion Auxiliary and the Albion Eagles Lodge.

She was born Oct. 27, 1953, to Rex J. Ellis and Virginia (Seyfferle) Walker. Her father is deceased and her mother survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mindy Burns and Stacey Wolfe; a half brother, Rex A. Ellis; a stepbrother, Leon Walker; two nieces, Trisha Carman and Dani Wolfe; and two nephews, Joshua Burns and Sean Burns.

She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, Arvil Walker.

Services were Monday at Pasco-Stillinger Funeral Home in Greenfield with the Rev. LaMont Bonath officiating.

Memorials are to the Mohawk United Methodist Church building fund.

Sally Gramelspacher

LAPORTE — Sally A. "Sam" Morningstar Gramelspacher, 52, of LaPorte, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at her home in LaPorte.

She was a native of Fort Wayne and a homemaker. She graduated from South Side High School in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Brandon Dinse of Fort Wayne; her parents, Sarah Morningstar of New Haven and William Morningstar of Auburn; a sister, Debra J. Koontz of Fort Wayne; a brother, David Morningstar of Woodburn; a grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Jerry, died in October 2005.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Bradford Payne officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary Tabernacle of Three Oak, Mich.

Esther Applegate

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Esther L. Applegate, 97, died Monday evening, Oct. 30, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Sonya Daler

KENDALLVILLE — Sonya L. Daler, 43, of Kendallville died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006.

Ms. Daler was born in Angola on June 16, 1963, to Robert Daler and Jacqueline (Rich) McIntyre.

Surviving are her father in Michigan and her mother in Angola; two sons, Colby and Jason Combs, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Jackie McIntyre and Virginia Wooster, both of Angola and Robin Nevarez of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Rodney Daler of Garrett, J.R. Duck of LaGrange, Gary Duck of Lincoln, Ala., and Eric McIntyre of Angola; and her companion, Gene Barton of Kendallville.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Wright Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. Ron Moore officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Ninabelle McDonald

KENDALLVILLE — Ninabelle McDonald, 90, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 1, 2006, Wednesday

Geraldyne Walker

LAGRANGE — Geraldyne V. "Jerry" Walker, 88, of Columbia City, formerly of Wolcottville and LaGrange, died Monday at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Mrs. Walker

On Sept. 17, 1918, in Ligonier, she was born to Myrten L. and Beulah May (Johnson) Gray. She married Hugh M. Walker on Dec. 24, 1938, in Wolcottville. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1980.

She lived in Wolcottville from 1938 to 1993, and LaGrange until 1999 before moving to Columbia City.

Mrs. Walker was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church and Naomi Circle. She was past president and past secretary-treasurer of the Wolcottville Community Club, Delta Chi Fraternity Mothers Association of Purdue University and a member of Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of Eastern Star. She held the following offices in Order of Eastern Star: past Grand Page, past Grand Representative, past District Deputy and past Worthy Grand Matron.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Hugh M. and Susan Walker Jr. of Claypool; a sister, Sharon Pieratt of LaGrange; two brothers, Myrten Gray of LaGrange, and Maynard Gray of Wolcottville; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, two sisters, Lois Henson and Donna Richmond, and brother, Walter Gray, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Robert Welling officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

An Eastern Star service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to provide additional information.*

Charles Ehrlich

CROOKED LAKE — Charles L. Ehrlich, 69, of Crooked Lake died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Ehrlich was born in Brazil, Ind., on May 4, 1937, to Lewis S. and Helena J. (Hann) Ehrlich. He was married to Evelyn Ann Lawrence on Nov. 3, 1957, in Brazil, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways in Fremont. He was a member of Local Teamsters Union 414 and the Angola United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles L. and Dawndi Ehrlich of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce A. and Sam Kramer of Bloomington and Jenny L. and Doug Stukey of Fremont; and seven grandchildren, Joshua Goliff of Angola, Adam, Ben, Sammy and Spencer Stukey of Fremont and Halie and Lucas Ehrlich of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Angola United Methodist Church. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Condolences can be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Lisa Santucci

WATERLOO — Lisa K. Santucci, 39, of Waterloo, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at 6:08 p.m.

She was born Aug. 24, 1967, in Chicago to Vincent Santucci and Florence (Hayden). Her father preceded her in death.

Surviving are her mother, Florence Olmos of New Haven; two sisters, Bernadette Olmos of St. Paul, Minn., and Jennifer Castellano of Midlothian, Ill.; a brother, Russell Olmos of Chicago; her fiancé, Richard Ruiz of Waterloo; a son, Jimmy Fernadez of Chicago; and two daughters, Angel and Samantha Santucci-Ruiz of Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services, 2403 Wallen Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ruth Chivington
Robert Chivington

CROMWELL — Graveside services for Ruth Ann Chivington and Robert Chivington will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with Pastor Dennis Beckner officiating.

Ruth Ann Chivington, 69, of Cromwell died July 11, 2006, at her home.

Robert E. Chivington, 69, of Cromwell died Nov. 13, 2004, at his home.

Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 1, 2006, Wednesday

Body found at lake access

BY WANDA YODER
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LAGRANGE — A body was found in a van parked at a public lake access Tuesday morning by a Department of Natural Resources employee who was in the area.

LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney said he could only release that the body was that of a 49-year-old male from the Toledo, Ohio, area.

"I'm not sure that the immediate family has been notified at this time. I will release more information later," Coney said.

According to Coney, the man's death did not appear to be from foul play.

"We have done a complete autopsy and are waiting for the results. The exact time of death is something that we are waiting for," he said.

The man's body was found in a white full-sized van with Ohio plates at the Fish Lake public access site, in the area of C.R. 500E and C.R. 100S, east of LaGrange. Coney said it did not appear that the man had been fishing.

Esther Applegate

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Esther L. Applegate, 97, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Monday evening, Oct. 30, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Applegate was a homemaker and a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 24, 1909, in Franklin to Albert and Jesse Ward. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Carl Wynkoop of Grant, Mich., a daughter, Carol Jones of Thermopolis, Wyo.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Arlo Wynkoop; her second husband, Jay Applegate; four sisters, Helen Emenhiser, Audra Holtzworth, Anna Myers and Donna Wilmot; and two brothers, Dale and Robert Ward.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb, 520 W. Liberty St., Butler, IN 46721.

Ninabelle McDonald

KENDALLVILLE — Ninabelle McDonald, 90, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

On May 31, 1916, she was born in Garrett to Frank and Nora Pence. She married Otto McDonald on Dec. 12, 1940, in Defiance, Ohio. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1979.

Mrs. McDonald was a homemaker and member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. She enjoyed spending time with family and her grandchildren, crafts and eating out.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Beverly of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Debra and Kenneth Scott, and James Beverly and David Beverly, all of Kendallville; two great-grandchildren, Brandon and Sabrina Scott, U.S. Coast Guard, SK3, stationed in New Orleans, and Heather Scott, Kendallville; two great-great-grandchildren, Jared and Madelyn Scott; a sister, Florede Clark of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, four sisters and a brother preceded her in death.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Casketbearers will be James and David Beverly and Brandon and Kenneth Scott.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 1, 2006, Wednesday

Donald L. Goings, 88

ROME CITY – Donald L. Goings, 88, from Rome City, died at 1:30 a.m. October 29, 2006 in the Emergency Room at Parkview/Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Goings was born February 21, 1918 in Spencerville, IN to William F. Goings and Margaret R. (Essig) Goings. Both parents are deceased.

He was married to Nellie Lower October 15, 1942 in the Wawaka Methodist Church. Mrs. Goings preceded him in death on January 7, 1999.

Mr. Goings taught vocation agriculture along with related sciences for 36 years at East Noble School Corp. retiring in 1981.

Mr. Goings was a 1st LT. in the US Army during World War II as an Artillery Officer. He had memberships in these groups: Rome City American Legion Post, Retired Teachers Noble Chapter and Rome City Lions Club 50 Year Charter Member.

He was also very active in the Rome City United Methodist Church, Emmaus Community as well as a Noble County 4H Leader for over 50 years. Mr. Goings was one of the founders of Helping Hands Orange Twp. and received the Sagamore of the Wabash award in 2000.

Surviving are a daughter, Gloria Zimmer of Bozeman, MT, daughter in law, Donna Goings in Anderson, IN; 4 grandchildren: Kurt R. Goings of Vancouver, WA, Anna (Byron) Wolfe of Raytown, MO, Shannon (Scott) Tibbs of Bloomington, IN and Sherri L. Goings of Lansing, MI; 3 great grandchildren: Harrison, Charles and Philip Wolfe, 1 sister, Ruth Ann Tester of Auburn, IN; 2 brothers, James Goings of Philadelphia, PA and John Goings of Fort Wayne, IN.

Preceding him in death were his wife Nellie (Lower) Goings, son Rob Goings, 2 brothers, Gerald and Fred Goings.

Services will be held November 3, 2006 at Rome City United Methodist Church, Rome City, IN at 10:30 a.m. with the Pastor Mike McKinney officiating. Visitation is 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006 at the Rome City United Methodist Church in Rome City, IN.

Burial will take place at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, IN

Preferred memorials are to Gideon's, Rome City United Methodist Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Harold Smith, 77

AUBURN - Harold M. "Smitty" Smith, 77, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn after an extended illness.

Formerly a resident of Gaston in Delaware County, Mr. Smith was an avid supporter and longtime volunteer of Wes-Del High School. He was honored with the Fair Play Award, which is given annually to two Indiana residents for volunteer work in Indiana schools.

He served in the National Guard for 10 years, attaining the rank of master sergeant.

He was born Aug. 21, 1929, in Muncie to Allard and Martha (Davis) Smith.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., Robert Smith of Bluffton, Timothy and Catherine Smith of Auburn and Mark and Angela Smith of Avilla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Bo Lutton of Ligonier; nine grandchildren, Steven Keith, Sandra, Chris, Jarid, Heather, Darci Jo, Bo, Brooke, and Cady; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter and his pet dog, Bear.

Services were held October 26, 2006 at Parson Mortuary in Muncie. The Rev. John Lutton officiated. Burial took place at Elm Ridge Memorial Park.

Online condolences are to www.parsonmortuary.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 1, 2006, Wednesday

May B. Wappes, 95

COLUMBIA CITY - Former Churubusco resident May B. Wappes, 95, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at The Oaks in Columbia City, where she had been a patient since August.

Mrs. Wappes was born in Smith Township on April 30, 1911, to Jesse B. and Lillie (Prough) Zeigler. She was married to Raymond Wappes in Churubusco on Sept. 28, 1934, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 5, 1976.

She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1930. After her marriage, she and her husband spent all their married lives in the Churubusco area. She was a homemaker all of her life, and she also worked for five years as a drapery seamstress for Freeman's Department Store in Columbia City.

She was a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Catherine Wappes of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn S. and Rick Keirn of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph and Delores Zeigler and Allen and Jeannie Zeigler, all of Churubusco; five sisters, Geraldine Growcock, Betty Crabill and Barbara Nicodemus, all of Columbia City and Martha Wappes and Joy Follis, both of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by seven brothers, John, Ben, Lee, Marshall, Clarence, Jay and Don Zeigler, and a grandson, Terry Wappes.

Services were held October 31, 2006 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. Craig Alan Myers officiated. Burial was held at Fairview Cemetery north of Huntertown.

Memorials are to Blue River Church of the Brethren, The Oaks or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Helen Bowers, 93

FORT WAYNE - Former Churubusco resident L. Helen Bowers, 93, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at Canterbury Nursing Home in Fort Wayne, where she had been a resident for the past seven years, after a long illness.

Mrs. Bowers was born Sept. 13, 1913, in Portland to George Washington and Bessie (Robards) Davis. She was married to Harry A. Bowers in Fort Wayne on June 14, 1941. He preceded her in death on Sept. 6, 1977.

She spent her formative years in Jay County, and graduated from Portland High School in 1931.

She and her husband spent the early years of their marriage in Portland, until moving to Churubusco in 1948. She was formerly employed at the Wayne Knitting Mills in Fort Wayne, and did private domestic work in her later years.

She attended the Churubusco United Methodist Church, and was a member of its United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Foote of Hamler, Ohio; a sister, Ruth Robinson of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Caleb and Duetta Davis of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Laura Showen of Hamler, Monte Dafforn and Sara Foote, both of Albion, and Andy Foote of South Bend; four great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

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She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Frances Gross.

Graveside services were held October 30, 2006 at Salamonia Cemetery, Jay County.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Arrangements were handled by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 1, 2006, Wednesday

Jantta M. "Jan" McArdle, 59

AVILLA - Janetta M. "Jan" McArdle, 59, of Avilla died at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She had been ill since Sept. 9 with lung and kidney failure.

Mrs. McArdle had worked for Community State Bank for many years. She began service with the bank at the Avilla branch and retired as the assistant bank manager at the Kendallville branch.

She had moved to Avilla in 1973 from Fort Wayne. She was a graduate of North Side High School

Mrs. McArdle was a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240 Women's Auxiliary and had held most offices in the auxiliary. She and her husband, Mike, had dedicated a great deal of time to the Legion for many years and were involved in many of its projects. She was also a member of the Precious Moments Collectors Club.

She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion and loved singing in the church choir. She enjoyed taking care of her dog, Squirt, going to Gatlinburg, Tenn., crocheting, sewing, camping and shopping.

She was born Dec. 11, 1946, in Columbia City to Leon Federspiel and Dorothy (Jones) Tinney. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

She married Michael John McArdle on Sept. 20, 1968, in Chicago, Ill. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three brothers, Jerry Federspiel of Aberdeen, Ky., Andy Federspiel of Fort Wayne and Ernie Federspiel of Montgomery, Ala.; a sister, Carol Lahr of Fort Wayne; her stepfather, Dean Tinney of Fort Wayne; and many friends.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Patrick McArdle, on May 17, 1986; and a sister, Sandy Eix, in 1987.

Services were held October 27, 2006 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Father Joachim Quadros officiated. Burial took place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Pallbearers were John Brazzell, Andy Federspiel, Jerry Federspiel, Ernie Federspiel, Jamie Federspiel and Bill Balon. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Hippenhammer, Todd Love and Dave Smith.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

Mildred Targgart, 90

WAWAKA - Mildred Ruth Targgart, 90, of Wawaka died at 1:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange where she had been a resident the past 3 1/2 years.

Mrs. Targgart was a homemaker and had lived in the area most of her life.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was born Nov. 24, 1915, in Ohio to Jessie and Ethel (Gill) Huser. She married Roy Targgart on March 28, 1937, in Churubusco. He died April 13, 1981.

Surviving are eight children and their spouses, Flossie Smith of Onalaska, Texas, Phyllis and Don Myers of Mongo, Martha and George Schrock of Ligonier, Bill and Barb Targgart and Terry and Mary Targgart, all of Wawaka, Kenny Targgart of LaGrange, Kay and Dave Peterson of Brownsburg, and Jim and Sherry Targgart of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Donna Belle Shell of Ligonier; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Tim Schrock, and a great-granddaughter, Brook Nicole Targgart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Life Care Center of LaGrange Activity Department.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 1, 2006, Wednesday

Harold P. Leazier, 79

Harold P. Leazier, 79 a resident of rural Churubusco in Noble County, died at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness. He had been taken to the hospital from his home in Green Township on Monday, and had been seriously ill for the past six months.

Mr. Leazier was born in Fort Wayne on September 24, 1927, a son of Donald E., Sr. and Goldie (Guisinger) Leazier, and spent his formative years there. As a young man he served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and following his military discharge was married in Fort Wayne to Mildred E. Hohnhaus on December 12, 1953.

The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Fort Wayne, until moving to Green Township in Noble County 39 years ago.

A truck driver for most of his life, he retired in 1983 from Belmont Trucking in Fort Wayne after 33 years. In his leisure time he enjoyed hunting, fishing and trap shooting with his sons.

He was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, the Ideal Fish & Game club in Churubusco, was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, and was a member of Teamsters Local 414.

The surviving relatives include the widow Mildred; five sons David (Sarah) Leazier of Ari, Greg (Sherie) Leazier, Paul (Kathy) Leazier, Tim (Lou Ann) Leazier, and Danny Hofferberth, all of Churubusco; a daughter-in-law Brenda Leazier of Churubusco; his sister Barbara Trefny of Fort Wayne; and four brothers Donald E. Leazier, Jr. and Dennis (Barbara) Leazier both of Elmira, Mich., Larry (Lucille) Leazier of Montpelier, Oh., and Wayne (Kathy) Leazier of Fort Wayne. There are 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Steven H. Leazier on September 19, 1999.

Funeral services were held October 28, 2006 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, Pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiated.

Internment with military graveside rites was held at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Ideal Fish & Game Club, Churubusco.Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 1, 2006, Wednesday

Forrest Gaerte, 92

PIERCETON – Forrest Gaerte, 92, of Pierceton, passed away Monday, October 30, 2006 at his residence. He was born on September 15, 1914, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Clarence & Dora (Smith) Gaerte.

On March 23, 1935, he married Eileen Fetters. She preceded him in death.

Forrest "Pop" resided in Wolf Lake, Fort Wayne and in Pierceton since 1956. He retired from Weatherhead Company (Dana) after 18 years, as aset-up man on screw machines. He was affiliated with the Pleasant Grove Methodist Chuch, served his country in the Army during WWII, was a recipient of the WWII Victory Medal, a member of the Webster Legion, former school bus driver for Webster School System and owner of Gaerte Excavating.

Survivors include 6 daughters, Mary Lou (Larry) Leamon of Wolf Lake, Indiana, Dora Mae Clingerman of Leesburg, Judy (Charles) Meservey of Pierceton, Roma Earl of Warsaw, Jean (Jim) Prescott of North Carolina, Becky (Dave) Bushong of Texas; one son, Richard (Mary) Gaerte of Pierceton; one sister: Esther (Wayne) Mowery; 19 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Eileen, one grandson Anthony Dean Gaerte, one brother and one sister.

Services will be held Thursday, November 2, 2006, at 11:00AM at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse. Pastor Don Poyser will officiate. Military Graveside Services will take place at the Salem Cemetery in Wilmot. Friends may call from 3-8PM on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel and 1 hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Whitley County Hospice or Down Syndrome in memory of Anthony Dean Gaerte.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 2, 2006, Thursday

Jon Burns

LIGONIER — Jon K. Burns, 54, of Ligonier died Monday, Oct. 30, 2006.

Mr. Burns was employed by Smith Transport as a driver.

He was a member of Cromwell F&AM Lodge and Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Mr. Burns enjoyed cars and gardening.

He was born Feb. 19, 1952, in LaGrange to Charles E. and Myril (Leamon) Burns. He married Linda Preston on July 19, 1997, in Ligonier. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tara Burns of Syracuse; a stepdaughter and her husband, Lori and Joe McColgan of Orlando, Fla.; a stepson, Lane Baker of Orlando; a brother and sister-in-law, Creighton and Mina Burns of Saginaw, Mich.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Bobbe and Bill Singleton of Greenwood.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, Billie Hamm and Jean Adam.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh of the church officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Schnepp

HAMILTON — Mary Jane Schnepp, 79, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and formerly of Ball Lake, Hamilton, died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, in Edgewater, Fla.

Mrs. Schnepp was born Jan. 22, 1927, in Huntington to Leland Sr. and Nancy (Wall) Fisher. She was married to Hubert Schnepp on Dec. 31, 1973, and he preceded her in death in 1987.

She was a homemaker. She was past treasurer of the Mad Anthony Corvair Club in Fort Wayne and also belonged to the Central Florida Corvair Club.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Kenneth P. Overby of Denver, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Jean Fisher of Warsaw; a sister, Beatrice Minton of Huntington; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law whom she lived with, Kenneth W. and Hilary Overby of New Smyrna Beach; two granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Stephanie and Dan Ewart of Franklin and Rebecca and Jason Miley of Muncie; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Leslie Dean Overby; a granddaughter, Rhonda Renee Overby; and a brother, Leland Fisher Jr.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include an additional survivor.*

Joseph Yelton

LIGONIER — Joseph Mark Yelton was stillborn at 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Surviving are his parents, Mark A. and Tanya J. (Peterson) Yelton of Ligonier.

Also surviving are a brother, Samuel Yelton, at home; two sisters, Brianne and Gabrielle Yelton, both at home; maternal grandparents, Bill and Colleen Peterson of Duluth, Minn.; paternal grandparents, Michael Sr. and Myra Yelton of Ligonier; and aunts and uncles, Michael Jr. and Connie Yelton, Chad Peterson, Jason and Tricia Peterson and Jesse Peterson.

Graveside services were Tuesday at Maple Grove Cemetery near Topeka with Pastor Joey Nelson of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier officiating.

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Richard Hardesty

Mr. Hardesty

ANGOLA — Richard H. Hardesty, 79, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006.

A lifelong resident of the Fort Wayne area, Mr. Hardesty worked at Perfection Bakery as a baker for 20 years, retiring in 1982. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Jane Hardesty; a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Judy Hardesty of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Becky and Paul Merrill of Churubusco, Debbie Nichols of Fort Wayne and Robin and Marty Holiday of Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bud and Betty Hardesty of Fort Wayne and Homer “Sonny” and June Hardesty of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Opal and Robert Johnson of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

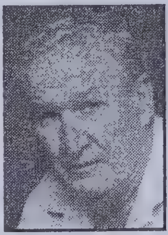
He was preceded in death by a son, Gary, in 1999.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Richard Fletcher officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Julian Chevillot


Mr. Chevillot

HAMILTON — Julian L. “Bud” Chevillot, 75, of Hamilton died Monday, Oct. 31, 2006, at home.

Mr. Chevillot was born July 14, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Louis and Martha (Platter) Chevillot. He married Eleanor Hagerty in Pleasant Lake on June 23, 1956. She survives.

He worked at Foamex in Auburn in the shipping and receiving department prior to his retirement. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, a member of American Legion Post No. 257 in Fremont and St. Andrew’s Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter-in-law, Judy Stytle of Dorton, Ky.; two grandchildren and a grandson-in-law, James Stytle of Crawfordsville and Maggi and James Easterling of Dorton; a great-granddaughter, Madalyn Shayne Easterling of Dorton; a brother, brother, Richard Chevillot of New Haven; two sisters, Connie Clem and Pat Beeks, both of New Haven; and a brother-in-law, Roy Johnson of Williams Center, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, Robert Stytle; a brother, Paul Chevillot; and a sister, Joan Johnson.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to the family and the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Carolyn Lambright

MILLERSBURG — Carolyn Sue Lambright was stillborn at 8:20 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange to Amos J. and Rose (Fry) Lambright of Millersburg.

Surviving are four brothers, Derek, Daryl, James, and her twin, Kevin, all at home; a sister, Jenifer; grandparents, Clarence and Polly Fry of Millersburg and Harvey and Fannie Lambright of Topeka; and great-grandparents, John and Rosa Whetstone of Topeka.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the family home with Bishop Marlin Frey of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Eris Friend

TOLEDO, Ohio — Eris N. Friend, 83, of Toledo died at 9:50 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, at Waterford Commons Nursing Center in Toledo.

A native of Cromwell, Mrs. Friend had lived in Whitley County prior to moving to Toledo.

She attened Sparta Township Schools in Ligonier.

Mrs. Friend was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She was born in Cromwell on Oct. 20, 1923, the daughter of Earnest and Mabel (Caskey) Coy. She married Lester D. Friend on Nov. 29, 1939, in Columbia City.

Surviving are a grandson and his wife, Scott and Cheryl Lightfoot of Toledo; two granddaughters and their husbands, Sarah and Randy Williams of Elkhart and Jami and David Wheeler of Belleville, Mich.; five sisters, Mary Biller, Charlotte Miller and Cynthia "Betty" Aulbach, all of Fort Wayne, Nancy Ropp of Decatur and Sarah Marr of Florida; and four brothers, Fredrick Gale, Donald and Chester Coy all of Fort Wayne, and David Coy of Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lester D. Friend; a son, James A. Friend; and a brother, Paul Thomas Coy.

Services were today at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with revised information from the funeral home.*

Esther Applegate

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Esther L. Applegate, 97, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Monday evening, Oct. 30, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Applegate was a homemaker and a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 24, 1909, in Franklin to Albert and Jesse Ward. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Carl Wynkoop of Grant, Mich., a daughter, Carol Jones of Thermopolis, Wyo.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Arlo Wynkoop; her second husband, Jay Applegate; a daughter, Helen Emenhiser; three sisters, Audra Holtzworth, Anna Myers and Donna Wilmot; and two brothers, Dale and Robert Ward.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb, 520 W. Liberty St., Butler, IN 46721, and Coburn Corners Church of Christ, 6813 C.R. 64, St. Joe, IN 46785.

Lester Wade

LAGRANGE — Lester C. Wade, 89, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Wade had moved to LaGrange County in 1972 from Fort Wayne.

He retired as bakery superintendent at Perfection Biscuit Co. in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wade was a member of Solomon Creek United Methodist Church in Benton and a former board member of the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

He was born Dec. 3, 1916, in Urbana to Charles and Naoma (Ulshafer) Wade. He married Mabel Spriggs on June 4, 1938, in St. Joseph, Mich. She died Sept. 7, 1994.

Surviving are two brothers, Paul Wade of LaPorte and Maynard Wade of Warsaw; two grandsons, Mike Henry of Los Gatos, Calif., and Nick Wade of Weaverville, N.C.; two great-grandsons, Noah Henry and Nathanial Henry; and his companion, Maxine Hackett of Ligonier.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Condolences are to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE LEADER
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Debbie Davis

LIGONIER — Debbie Lynn Davis, 51, of Ligonier died at 3:54 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Davis

She was a forklift operator at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier, where she had worked for 26 years. She enjoyed reading, playing cards and watching sports, especially NASCAR and Colts football.

The West Noble High School graduate was born Sept. 26, 1955, in Goshen to John and Lorenea (Marchand) Davis.

Surviving are a close companion and longtime friend, Terry Davis of Ligonier; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Robert and Tina Young of Hudson and John Young of Perry, Mich.; eight grandchildren; her mother and stepfather, Lorenea and William Karst of Larwill; three brothers, Roger Davis and his wife, Debbi, of Larwill, Gary Davis of Victoria, Texas, and Randy Davis and his wife, Midori, of Carmel; and a sister, Janelle Johnson of Ligonier.

Preceding her in death was her father, John Davis.

Services were held Monday, Oct.23, at Big Lake Church of God, south of Wolf Lake, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer officiating.

Memorials are to Big Lake Church of God.

Ruth Chivington

Robert Chivington

CROMWELL — Graveside services for Ruth Ann Chivington and Robert Chivington will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with Pastor Dennis Beckner officiating.

Ruth Ann Chivington, 69, of Cromwell died July 11, 2006, at her home.

Robert E. Chivington, 69, of Cromwell died Nov. 13, 2004, at his home.

Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse is in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Targgart

WAWAKA — Mildred Ruth Targgart, 90, of Wawaka died at 1:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange where she had been a resident the past 3 1/2 years.

Mrs. Targgart was a homemaker and had lived in the area most of her life.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

She was born Nov. 24, 1915, in Ohio to Jessie and Ethel (Gill) Huser. She married Roy Targgart on March 28, 1937, in Churubusco. He died April 13, 1981.

Surviving are eight children and their spouses, Flossie Smith of Onalaska, Texas, Phyllis and Don Myers of Mongo, Martha and George Schrock of Ligonier, Bill and Barb Targgart and Terry and Mary Targgart, all of Wawaka, Kenny Targgart of LaGrange, Kay and Dave Peterson of Brownsburg, and Jim and Sherry Targgart of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Donna Belle Shell of Ligonier; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Tim Schrock, and a great-granddaughter, Brook Nicole Targgart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Life Care Center of LaGrange Activity Department.

ADVANCE LEADER
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Jon Burns dies in New York state

LIGONIER — Jon K. Burns, 54, of Ligonier died unexpectedly on Monday, Oct. 30, 2006 while traveling in New York state.

He was employed as a truck driver for Smith Transport.

Mr. Burns lived in the Ligonier area for his entire life. He was born Feb. 19, 1952 in LaGrange. His parents were Charles Edward Burns and Myril (Leamon) Burns. They preceded him in death.

On July 19, 1997 he married Linda Preston in Ligonier, and survives him.

Other survivors include a daughter, Tara Burns of Syracuse; a step-daughter, Lori (Joe) McColgan of Orlando, Fla.; a step-son, Lane Baker of Orlando; a granddaughter, Hayley Burns, and three step-grandchildren.

He is also survived by a brother, Creighton (Mina) Burns of Saginaw, Mich., and a sister, Bobbie J. (Bill) Singleton. Two sisters preceded him in death, Billie Hamm and Jean Adams.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, and the Cromwell Masonic Lodge.

His hobbies included cars and gardening.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 4 at Ligonier United Methodist Church at 11 a.m., with Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating.

Visitation is Friday, Nov. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church, and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Eris Friend

TOLEDO, Ohio — Eris N. Friend, age 83, of Toledo, died at 9:50 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2006 at Waterford Commons Nursing Center, Toledo. She was born in Cromwell on October 20, 1923, and was the daughter of Earnest and Mabel (Caskey) Coy.

In 1939, she moved to Whitley County and she later moved to her present address in Toledo, Ohio. She attended Sparta Township Schools in Ligonier.

On November 29, 1939, she married Lester D. Friend in Columbia City. She was a homemaker and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a grandson, Scott (Cheryl) Lightfoot of Toledo; two granddaughters, Sarah (Randy) Williams of Elkhart, and Jami (David) Wheeler of Belleville, Mich.; sisters, Mary Biller, Charlotte Miller and Cynthia "Betty" Aulbach all of Fort Wayne, Nancy Ropp of Decatur, Ind., and Sarah Marr of Florida; four brothers, Fredrick Gale, Donald and Chester Coy all of Fort Wayne, and David Coy of Ohio. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lester D. Friend, son, James A. Friend, and a brother, Paul Thomas Coy.

Visitation was held Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home, Columbia City. Services were held this morning at the funeral home, with Sharon Brockhaus, Certified Funeral Celebrant officiating. Burial followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam in Noble County.

Memorial bequests may be given in Eris's memory to the American Cancer Society. To send family condolences, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

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Florence Dominy

DECATUR — Florence E. Dominy, 86, of Decatur died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, at Woodcrest Nursing Center.

She had lived in Decatur the past two years.

Mrs. Dominy had been a homemaker.

Mrs. Dominy

She was born Oct. 15, 1920, in Avilla to John and Grace (Kreienbrink) Lobdell. She married Archie Dominy on Aug. 17, 1940, in Albion. He died Oct. 25, 1976.

Surviving are a son, Larry Dominy of Jacksonville, Fla.; two daughters, June Courtney of Carmel and Nancy Downing of Preble; a sister, Rosemary Akey of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Donald Dominy; and three brothers, John Beatty, William Lobdell and John Lobdell.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur with the Rev. John Follett officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Woodcrest Nursing Center Chapel in Decatur and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Adams County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.zwickjahn.com.

Leonard Andrews

BUTLER — Leonard C. Andrews, 76, of Butler died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Andrews worked at Weatherhead Corp. in Antwerp, Ohio, for 15 years and at Ingersoll-Rand in Bryan, Ohio, for 15 years.

He was born June 2, 1930, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Cleo and Donna M. (Coutz) Andrews. They preceded him in death.

He married Bette L. Wilcox on April 26, 1972, in Auburn. She died Sept. 24, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Dan Bennett of Montpelier, Ohio, Lori and Tom Haase of Auburn and Alane and Tom Matthews of Montpelier, Ohio; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Terry and Jude Andrews of Cochise, Ariz., Larry and Karen Andrews of Benson, Ariz., Gary and Ronda Andrews of Butler, Rick Andrews of Granger and Faron Cluster of Japan; two brothers, Donald Andrews of Montpelier, Ohio, and Harold Andrews of Michigan; and 16 grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

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William Armstrong

BRYAN, Ohio — William Lewis Armstrong, 78, of Bryan, Ohio died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006, at his home after an illness of three years.

Mr. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong was born Nov. 10, 1927, in Sydney, Ohio, to William E. and Myrtle A. (Schaffer) Armstrong. He married Virginia Shiplett on June 28, 1947, in Angola and she survives.

He was employed by Simpson Industries in Edon, Ohio, as a shift supervisor, retiring in 1990 with 20 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II from 1945-47.

He formerly was a longtime member of Bryan Eagles Aerie No. 2283.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William E. and Maryory Armstrong of San Diego, Calif., and Thomas E. Armstrong of Bryan; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah S. Thiel and Rich Green of Hillsdale, Mich., and Karen Armstrong of Montpelier, Ohio; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Pat Hay of Bryan, Shirley M. Tibbs of Angola and Linda K. and Steve Welmer of Bradenton, Fla.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Earl and Evelyn Armstrong of Hamilton, Gene and Diane Armstrong of Perry, Ohio, and Larry and Kay Armstrong of Clear Lake

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Glenna Derringer and Eileen Armstrong, and one nephew, Timothy Beck.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with Earl Armstrong officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery, with graveside military rites conducted by members of Edon American Legion Post No. 662.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Robert Heath

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. "Bob" Heath, 79, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Heath retired in 1982 from International Harvester with 37 years of service. He was a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church and the Eagles for 37 years, a member of 248 FW and a member and former steward of UAW Local 57.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Racing Association from 1950 to 1951, a member of the NRA and a past champion and current tournament pool player for 40 years.

Surviving are two sons, James M. Heath of Fort Wayne and Kevin D. Heath of Auburn; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church.

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Charles Orick

EDGERTON, Ohio — Charles Robert Orick, 74, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006, at the Dilworth Center in Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Montpelier, Ohio, where he was a patient.

Mr. Orick

Mr. Orick was born June 2, 1932, in Pruden, Tenn. to Elvin and Mary May (Adkins) Orick. He married Carol Jean Farley on May 25, 1973, in Edgerton. She survives.

He was production operator at Edgerton Metal Products until his retirement in 1994 after 35 years of service.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Theresa Orick, of Edgerton; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cathy and Bob Owsley of Butler and Janet Friedel of Angola; a stepson, Mike Hayes of Hindman, Ky.; two stepdaughters, Angela Keegan, of Edgerton and Karen Mosley of Hindman; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Verlin Orick of St. Mary's, Ohio; and four sisters, Pearl Walker, Retha Shell, Judy Beagle and Evelyn Teague all of St. Mary's.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Benjamin Friedel; seven brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with the Rev. Rose Lewis and the Rev. Elmer Davis officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Dilworth Center of Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Montpelier.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to provide additional information.*

Lester Wade

LAGRANGE — Lester C. Wade, 89, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wade had moved to LaGrange County in 1972 from Fort Wayne.

He retired as bakery superintendent at Perfection Biscuit Co. in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wade was a member of Solomon Creek United Methodist Church in Benton and a former board member of the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

He was born Dec. 3, 1916, in Urbana to Charles and Naoma (Ulshafer) Wade. He married Mabel Spriggs on June 4, 1938, in St. Joseph, Mich. She died Sept. 7, 1994.

Surviving are two brothers, Paul Wade of LaPorte and Maynard Wade of Warsaw; two grandsons, Mike Henry of Los Gatos, Calif., and Nick Wade of Weaverville, N.C.; two great-grandsons, Noah Henry and Nathanial Henry; and his companion, Maxine Hackett of LaGrange.

Also preceding him in death were two sons, William M. Wade on Feb. 28, 1996, and Tom L. Henry on July 10, 2000.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Condolences are to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Carl Farmer

BUTLER — Carl W. Farmer, 89, of Butler died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at Fairlawn Haven in Archbold, Ohio.

Mr. Farmer was a Richland Township farmer, retiring in 1983. He was a member of Forrest Lutheran Church in Silver Springs, Fla.

He was born March 23, 1917, in Hicksville, Ohio, to William A. and Rosemary (Hefty) Farmer. They preceded him in death.

On Sept. 11, 1938, in Garrett he married Velma Diederich. She died July 1, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Bill and Donna Farmer of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosalie and Leslie Rosebrock of Mark Center, Ohio; three grandchildren and their spouses, Annette Rosebrock of Ann Arbor, Mich., Randy and Joni Rosebrock of Hicksville, Ohio, and Neil and Robyn Farmer of Fort Wayne; and four great-grandchildren, Allie Rosebrock, Zachary Rosebrock, Ethan Rosebrock and Rachel Farmer.

A grandson, Steve Farmer, preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steve Farmer Scholarship Fund, in care of Neil Farmer, 9333 Covington Woods Court, Fort Wayne IN 46804.

Pasco Shadle

BUTLER — Pasco H. Shadle, 69, of Butler died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at 12:30 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shadle worked in production for Wayne Equipment for 23 years, retiring in 1989.

He was born Oct. 1, 1937, in New Haven to Hugh and Velma (Sturn) Shadle. They preceded him in death.

On April 19, 1963, in New Haven, he married Nancy M. Fark. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter and her husband, Connie and Ron Hollinger of Butler; two brothers, Paul Shadle of Fort Wayne and Raymond Shadle of New Haven; and four sisters, Doris Cox, Alice Hetrick and Deanna Heley, all of Fort Wayne, and Phyllis Brown of Florida.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Nick Shadle and Dennis Shadle; a brother, Don Shadle; and a stepdaughter, Bonnie Lou Fark.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RISE Inc. of Angola.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lorraine Richardson

GARRETT — Lorraine A. Richardson, 61, of Garrett died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at 7 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Richardson was a housekeeper at Montrose General Hospital in Pennsylvania for 11 years, retiring in 2001. She was a member of the Fort Wayne American Legion Post 47 Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 12, 1945, in Montrose, Pa., to Albert L. and Anna M. (Ney) Tingley. They preceded her in death.

She married Mark E. Richardson Jr. on Nov. 16, 1963, in Montrose. He died March 18, 2005.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark A. and Tegan Richardson of Brighton, Tenn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Joana M. and David Goddard of Avilla; a sister, Evelyn Foster of Montrose; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Albert James Tingley.

A gathering of friends and family will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS SUN
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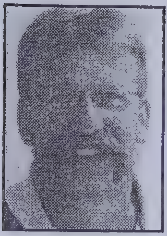
Mark Edwards

AVILLA — Mark J. Edwards, 49, of Kendallville died at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. He had been ill for several months.

Mr. Edwards was employed at Dana Corp., where he was union vice president. He was a lifetime resident of Kendallville and member of John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.


Mr. Edwards

He loved his family, farming, pigs and sports and John Deere items.

He was born Feb. 7, 1957, in Kendallville to John and Daisy (Owen) Edwards. His mother survives.

He married Holly Frymier on July 2, 1983. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Keanon Edwards, and three daughters, Klanci, Kearni and Kavan Edwards, all at home; several nieces and nephews; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverly and Randy Krafft of Spencerville and Joyce and Wayne Jester of Mooreland; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Greg and Joy Edwards of Napoleon, Ohio, and Doug and Becky of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. on Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. Calling also will be one hour prior to the services at the church.

Memorials to the Edwards Children's Education Fund in care of Community State Bank.

Brenda Scarrow

SPENCERVILLE — Brenda S. Medcalf Scarrow, 48, of Spencerville, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 22, 1958, in Anna, Ill. She was a member of the Butler Eagles.

Surviving are her mother, Annette Medcalf of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Debra Medcalf Resor of Auburn, Sharon Medcalf Branch of Hickory, N.C., Carla Medcalf Meyer of Hohenwald, Tenn., and Melissa Medcalf Lovette of Thomasville, N.C.; seven nieces and nephews; and four great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elbert Medcalf.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Allan Harris II

LIGONIER — Allan Charles Harris II, 62, died at 11:11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006, at his residence in rural Ligonier.

Mr. Harris was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

He was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling and had a large Noah's ark collection.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1943 in Freeport, Ill, to Allan Charles and Lynwood Pearl (White) Harris Sr.

He married Eva Marie Snyder on June 17, 1967, in North Manchester. She survives in rural Ligonier.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have lived in Ligonier for the past 32 years, coming from North Manchester, where they both attended college.

Also surviving are three daughters and son-in-law, Rebekah and Scot Ousley of Claypool, Sarah Harris of Austin, Texas and Abigail Harris of Ligonier; two grandchildren, Katherine and David Ousley; and one sister, Jean Epping of Freeport, Ill.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the Ligonier United Methodist Church Crosswalk with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the church Crosswalk.

Memorials to Ligonier United Methodist Church Library Fund.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Maxine White

FREMONT — Maxine B. White, 88, of Fremont died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. White

Mrs. White was a homemaker who enjoyed having parties at the family farm, White House Annex.

She was born Aug. 23, 1918, in Hamilton to Eugene and Carrie (Beebe) Teegardin.

On Aug. 23, 1941, she married Howard White in Waterloo, and he survives.

A Hamilton High School graduate, she was a member of the Angola Christian Church. She enjoyed her family, needle point, sewing, quilt making, playing cards, traveling and music.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Jack Hexter of Tolland, Conn., and Patsy and Keith Stevenson of Ossian; one son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Sherri White of Angola; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Teegardin Cemetery in Hamilton.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church or Teegardin Cemetery or Steuben Cancer Association, P.O. Box 273, Angola, IN, 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Donald Ford

WATERLOO — Donald Dean Ford, 79, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at his Waterloo home.

Mr. Ford

He was a retired employee from Dana Corp.

He was born Sept. 28, 1927, in Waterloo to Rollie and Cladie (Fee) Ford.

On Oct. 1, 1949 he married Thresa Richter in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dave and Trish Ford of Angola, and Tom and Lisa Ford of Indianapolis; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Frank Nine of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and one great grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steve Ford; a daughter, Louise Ford; and two brothers, Todd and Shelda Ford.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be at St. Michaels Catholic Cemetery in Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to St. Michaels Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society.

Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Hester Clark

MILLERSBURG — Hester Clark, 70, of Millersburg died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at her residence.

Mrs. Clark was a mold maker who retired from Supreme Corporation.

She was born Nov. 1, 1936 in Holmes Mill, Kentucky to Sampson and Nora (Kelly) Parker. They preceded her in death.

On Oct. 7, 1954 she married Hubert Clark. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Treva Miller, Dianna "Lynn" Griffith, and Patti Clark, Shirlee Clark, all of Millersburg, Elizabeth "Kay" Clark of Warsaw; two sons, Mike H. Clark and Michael B. Clark, both of Millersburg; one brother, Ralph Parker of Bowling Green, Ky.; one sister, Phyllis Caldwell of Pineville, Ky.;15 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Charles "Chuck" Clark and James "Buddy" Parker; and one grandson, Jarrod Rex Clark.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday 3 to 4 p.m. at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

Service will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church with the Rev. Terry Diener and Rev. Aldine Thomas officiating. Burial will take place Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Clinton Frame Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

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Theodore Hornbrook

ORLAND — Theodore R. "Ted" Hornbrook, 74, of Orland, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran and served in the military police.

Mr. Hornbrook

Mr. Hornbrook was born May 9, 1932, in Steuben County to Rudolph and Opal (Fireovid) Hornbrook.

He married Nell Moody on Sept. 1, 1956, in Montpelier, Ohio. She survives.

A graduate of Metz High School, Mr. Hornbrook worked for Moore Business Forms in Angola and for the Indiana State Highway Department. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 423.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg Hornbrook of Orland, Mike and Paula Hornbrook of Butler; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Gladys Hornbrook of Jacksonville, Florida, and Harold and Jeanie Hornbrook of Angola; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Norma and Oliver Walters of Coldwater, Mich., Sara and Richard Smith of Fremont; and Carolyn and Jack Binkley of Wolcottville; and two granddaughters, Deidre and Heather Hornbrook.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three children.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland with military services conducted by members of the Orland American Legion.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors by this newspaper.*

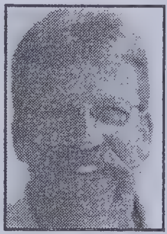
Mark Edwards

AVILLA — Mark J. Edwards, 49, of Avilla, died at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. He had been ill for several months.

Mr. Edwards was employed at Dana Corp., where he was union vice president.

He was a lifetime resident of Avilla and member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

He loved his family, farming, pigs and sports and John Deere items.


Mr. Edwards

He was born Feb. 7, 1957, in Kendallville to John and Daisy (Owen) Edwards. His mother survives.

He married Holly Frymier on July 2, 1983. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Keanon Edwards, and three daughters, Klanci, Kearni and Kavan Edwards, all at home; several nieces and nephews; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverly and Randy Krafft of Spencerville and Joyce and Wayne Jester of Mooreland; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Greg and Joy Edwards of Napoleon, Ohio, and Doug and Becky Edwards of Churubusco.

He was proceeded in death by his father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. on Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, and one hour prior to the services at the church.

Memorials to the Edwards Children's Education Fund in care of Community State Bank.

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Retired teacher was 'Giver of Gifts'

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Glenn and Marilyn Walrich of Kendallville visit a Hispanic church construction site in San Marco, Texas. Mission work took the couple all over the country, but especially to Appalachia. Mr. Walrich died Oct. 26 after battling cancer for one year.

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Mr. Walrich served needy at home and nationwide

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Glenn Walrich of Kendallville never aspired to be a school administrator, even though he was devoted to two Illinois schools during his 31-year career.

"I don't want to discipline kids, I want to teach them," he told his wife, Marilyn, whom he recruited to a kindergarten teaching position in Gibson City, Ill. He taught the fifth and sixth grades and established good memories for countless students.

"I still get remembrances and cards from children he taught," his wife said Friday, nearly a month after her husband's death on Oct. 26.

"He was a master teacher, and he had a lot of student-teachers over the years," Mrs. Walrich said. Her husband loved the outdoors and outdoor teaching, and took carloads of students into Chicago to visit museums, she said.

"He was heralded as a model teacher, living out practiced applications of life's vital lessons," commented the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker, Mr. Walrich's pastor and close friend.

While many people look forward to taking life easy after retirement, Mr. Walrich did not.

"Glenn was tireless; he had the energy level of a dynamo," his wife said with pride and awe. "He always left me sweating in the dust!"

The Walriches moved to Noble County some 18 years ago, choosing to be close to Mrs. Walrich's sister.

"We wanted to be around family," Mrs. Walrich said. with easy travel to the homes of their two sons, Allen of Brownsburg and Dirk of Grayslake, Ill.

Mr. Walrich was active in the United Methodist Church's Appalachia Service Project, and with his wife served on it board of directors. He volunteered with the church's national UMCOR relief agency.

He participated in building the first Habitat for Humanity home in eastern Noble County, encouraging others to experience the joy of serving, Barker said. In his own Trinity Church United Methodist, Mr. Walrich and his wife organized and promoted a "Great Coat and Mitten give-a-way" day which went on to provide "thousands of pieces of head-to-toe winter wear for children and adults who otherwise would have gone without," Barker said.

Mr. Walrich was instrumental in beginning the Salvation Army Christmas kettle drive, raising tens of thousands of dollars, Barker added.

About 14 years ago, Barker said, Mr. Walrich helped the church's Faith in Action team create a furniture bank, which would provide families throughout the county and surrounding areas with beds, furniture, appliances and other household items for the needy.

In 1995, Mr. Walrich was instrumental in forming Common Grace of Noble County, a church social services ministry supported by congregations from all over the area.

"He was a constant source of inspiration and support to all who have participated in its work," Barker said. He called Mr. Walrich's work "as consistent as the changes of the seasons of the year."

Mrs. Walrich said her husband believed, "No one is not useful; it only takes a willing spirit" to be able to serve humanity.

Barker said in a remembrance of his friend: "His giving of time and energies has been exceeded only by the enormity of his sensitive goodness. A gesture of gratitude for his unselfish service to others was shared when he was named as one of the first 'Giver of Gifts' by the Noble County Community Foundation."

Mrs. Walrich said her husband would not be impressed by all the fuss made over his accomplishments. He was, she said, a happy man — "a happy whistler."

She said she is fortunate to have married her husband. They enjoyed being together.

"It didn't matter if it was taking out the garbage, or going off on a trip to Scotland," she said. "Now, there is a terrible void in my life."

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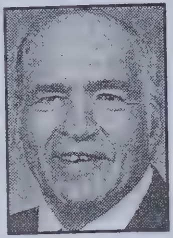
James Wilson

SOUTH MILFORD — James M. Wilson, 72, of South Milford died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where he had been a resident for three weeks.


Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson was a lifetime area resident.

He retired in 1985 from International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 30 years of service. He had also been a bus driver for Prairie Heights School Corp. for 19 years.

Mr. Wilson was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church, Emmaus Community and had formerly been a member of the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department.

He enjoyed antique tractors, playing guitar and working on cars.

He was born Feb. 3, 1934, in Stroh to Curtis and Dorothy (Phovemire) Wilson. He married June M. Freeman on June 27, 1953, in Avilla. She survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Debra and Dave King of Avilla, Janice and Dick Owens of Rome City, Becky Walker of LaGrange and Carmen and Mike Stacer of Cadiz, Ky.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Curtis and Terri Wilson of Howe and Terry and Chela Wilson of Plain City, Utah; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and George Monesmith of Fort Wayne; a stepsister, Linda Fremion of Hudson; a stepbrother, Ted Garber of Fort Wayne; a stepfather, Ray Garber, and his friend Helen, of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at South Milford United Methodist Church in South Milford with Pastor Barbara Cross of the church officiating.

Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dick Owens, Dave King, Mike Stacer, Matt Carter, Trinity Boyd and Donny Angus.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Donald Myers

HAMILTON — Donald Lamar Myers, 88, of Hamilton died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers was born in York Township on Nov. 23, 1917, to Alva and Ethel (Burch) Myers. He was married to Chloe Nickols on Aug. 17, 1940. She preceded him in death.

He was a 1937 graduate of Hamilton High School. He worked for Dana Corporation as a machinist and also was a farmer. One of his favorite pastimes was fishing.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Nick and Anne Myers of Chandler, Ariz., Kirby and Karen Myers and Gary and Jan Myers, all of Hamilton; a sister, Thelma Hill of Markle; six grandchildren, Kevin Myers, Jeff Myers, Mathew Myers, Annessa Enyeart, Michelle Radice and Chad Myers; and six great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Howard, Merle and Raymond Myers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Wesleyan Church Event Center Building Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Leah Fetzer

FORT WAYNE — Leah C. Fetzer, 83, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fetzer was born Feb. 1, 1923, in Delphos, Ohio. She was married to Robert L. Fetzer, and he preceded her in death in 1989.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10006 and St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steven L. and Judith Fetzer and Harold J. Fetzer, all of Fort Wayne, and Robert L. and Amy Fetzer of South Carolina; three daughters and sons-in-law, Roxanna and Richard Shank of Fremont, Vickie L. and Patrick Winchester of Columbia City and Tina M. and Roy Tusa of Tampa, Fla.; a brother, Paul "Bill" Dunlap of Cridersville, Ohio; a sister, Tootie Kleman of Delphos; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with prayers at 10:30 a.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home, with a vigil at 4 p.m.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Gale Gafken

AUBURN — Gale W. Gafken, 83, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Gafken

Mr. Gafken was a skilled carpenter, owning and opeating Gafken Construction. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Force.

He was a founding member of Bible Baptist Church, which is now Lakewood Park Baptist Church, and served the church as a deacon and on a number of building committees. He was a member of Gideons International.

A 1942 graduate of Auburn High School, he served on the board of directors of the DeKalb High School building trades program.

He was born April 15, 1923, in Waterloo to William and Bessie (Crooks) Gafken. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty James on Aug. 22, 1945, in Garrett. She died Aug. 20, 1983.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Becky Gafken of Fayetteville, N.C., Dr. David Gafken and Janet Gafken of Auburn and Dr. James Gafken and Domnita Gafken of Brownwood, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Jewell and William LaBrash of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren and their spouses, Nathan and Tabitha Gafken, Rachel and Duncan Edge, Charity and Bobby Burkett, Andrew Gafken, Joshua Gafken, Nicole and Bruce Westendorf, Britney and Jake Brellenthin, Lucas Gafken, Olivia and Luke Ice, Courtni Gafken, Ashley Gafken, Adam Gafken, Danielle Gafken, Michelle Gafken, Philip LaBrash and Nicholas LaBrash; 10 great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Ardella and Dean Wing and George James.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Galord and Glen Gafken, and three sisters, Donas Seifert and twins Betty and Bessie, who died a month after they were born.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church of Auburn. The Rev. Wayne Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church or Gideons International.

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Rosemarie Snyder

BRONSON, Mich. — Rosemarie Snyder, 76, of Bronson, Mich., died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich. following a one-year illness.

Mrs. Snyder was born May 5, 1930 in Bronson to John and Clara (Herman) Nowicki and was a lifelong Bronson resident. She married Clarence G. Snyder on August 12, 1950 in Coldwater, Mich., and he survives.

Mrs. Snyder first worked at the former Mel's Grill in Bronson, then at Bronson Plating Company. She joined her husband in the coin laundry business in 1960 as co-owner and operator. She retired in 1988.

She was a faithful member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She was also a member of the former Coldwater Country Club.

She enjoyed golfing, flower gardening, especially with roses, mushrooming, housecleaning and crossword puzzles. She and her husband were avid Detroit Tigers and Pistons fans.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Candy Snyder, Greg and Diane Snyder and Robert and Sherry Snyder, all of Bronson; eight grandchildren; a great granddaughter; four sisters, Jean Norris and Louise Stobbe, both of Coldwater, Joan Butler of Angola and Delphine Knapp of Union City, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Bernard Nowicki and Edwin Nowicki and sisters Angeline Yesh and Geraldine Berry.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson, with the Rev. Richard A. Fritz officiating. Prayers will be at 9:30 a.m. today at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson.

Memorials are to the Foundation for Fighting Blindness or the Quincy, Mich. Softball Program.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

Rosalie Howe

FORT WAYNE — Rosalie Miller Howe, 58, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Howe

Mrs. Howe was born Aug. 1, 1948, in Angola to George C. Jr. and June E. Miller. She was married to Kenneth W. Howe, and he survives.

She was employed by Fort Wayne Community Schools for 20 years. Her teaching career included time at Portage, Geyer and Shawnee middle schools, where she taught science and math. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the National Education Association, Fort Wayne Education Association and Indiana State Teachers Association. She attended Wagner, Valparaiso and Lehigh universities and the University of Illinois, where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees. She also studied overseas at Cambridge University.

She was a supporter of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Civic Theater. Prior to teaching, she worked at the Historical Museum and the Fort Wayne Ballet.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a niece, Elizabeth June Dennison.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cecilia and Allen Dennison of Fremont and Sharon and Keith Cox of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Judy Fisher of Colon, Mich.; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Rob and Becky Howe of Wabash and Andrew and Heike Howe of Orlando, Fla.; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Holly and Lance Diffendarfer of Fort Wayne; seven nephews; 11 grandnieces and nephews; 10 stepgrandchildren; and great-grand-nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and also one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

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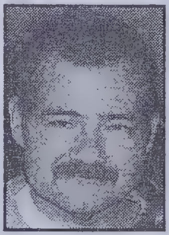
Todd Wolf

FORT WAYNE — Todd E. Wolf, 44, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Wolf

The South Bend native and former New Haven resident retired from the U.S. Navy in 1995, in which he served as a machinist mate.

Surviving are his wife, Cheryl; four daughters and a son-in-law, Catherine and James Keller of New Haven, Christina Wolf and fiancé Steven Tretter of Fort Wayne and Courtney and Brittney Wolf, both at home; his parents, Gerald and Diane Wolf of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Gary Hook of New Haven; a brother, Brian Wolf of New Haven; four grandchildren; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ed and Phyllis DeLucenay of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Albert and Kathryn Wils and Kenneth and Lois Wolf.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Memorials are to his children's education fund or the American Diabetes Association.

Leona Wotta

COLDWATER, Mich. — Leona M. Wotta, 56, of Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at her home. She had been in failing health.

Ms. Wotta was born Feb. 12, 1950, in Coldwater to Isadore and Margaret (Kregger) Wotta, and was a lifelong Branch County resident. She graduated from Bronson High School in Bronson, Mich. in 1968 and first worked at the Community Health of Branch County in Coldwater as a surgical ward clerk. She then worked 14 years as billing clerk for Associated Truck Lines in Coldwater then at the American Truck Driving School, also in Coldwater.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Bronson, where she also worked part time. She was an avid volunteer at all the Legion functions. She enjoyed hunting for arrowheads and her gardens, both flower and vegetable.

Surviving are her mother, Margaret Wotta of Coldwater; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Helen Wotta of Bronson; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Patricia Marsh, Barbara Bassage and Lorraine and Larry Harvey, all of Coldwater; and several nieces and nephews.

Her father preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson, with the Rev. Arthur Howard officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m., with the Rosary recited at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Batavia Cemetery, Bronson.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

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Gladys Shartzer

CAMDEN, Mich. — Gladys M. Shartzer, 96, of Camden, Mich., died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at McGuire Skilled Nursing Facility in Hillsdale, Mich.

Mrs. Shartzer was born July 6, 1910, in Chicago to Alfred and Mary (Martell) Revor.

She belonged to the Hills & Dales Square Dance Club and was a member of St. Paul Catholic Chapel in Clear Lake.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marian Jenkins and Jim Crall of Reading, Mich. and Gloria and Jack Shaner of Lakeland, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Ann Schoustra of Mulberry, Fla.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Gerrit Schoustra and Clifford Shartzer, six brothers and five sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Catholic Chapel, with the Rev. Philip Schneider officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home, Reading.

Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Reading.

Memorials are to St. Paul Catholic Chapel.

James Boggs

KENDALLVILLE — James Boggs, 67, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Boggs retired in 1994 after 10 years of service at Quick Tanks in Kendallville. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1958.

He was a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mr. Boggs enjoyed searching for antiques at garage sales, yard work and traveling with his companion.

He was born Nov. 26, 1938, in Emmalena, Ky., to Carlos and Ethel (Martin) Boggs. He married Anna Lee Stanley on Sept. 13, 1966, in Kendallville. She preceded him in death on May 21, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Jim Boggs of Kendallville; a stepson, Phil Patton of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter, Betty Grady of LaOtto; four grandchildren, Stephanie and Joe Shepherd of Waterloo, Jimmy Wicker of Avilla, Travis Grady of Rome City, and Jessica Patton of Elkhart; six great-grandchildren; and his companion, Helen Settles of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ivan and Willis Boggs; and a sister, Glenna Stanko.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be James Boggs, Travis Grady, Jimmy Wicker, Joe Shepherd, Ken Wallace and Jason Wallace.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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James Dazey

ALBION — James C. "J.C." Dazey, 80, of rural Albion near Wolf Lake was pronounced dead on arrival at 10:06 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville after collapsing unexpectedly at his home.

Mr. Dazey

Mr. Dazey had been a truck driver his entire life. He had worked for Ingersoll Rand Trucking Co. for more than 19 years until 1984 and retired from Kreager Brothers in Cromwell in 1990.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and remained proud of his military service all his life. He was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246, Wolf Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4717 and the Albion Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Dazey had lived most of his life in Wolf Lake and following his retirement lived briefly in Estero, Fla. He loved spending time with his family.

He was born Dec. 23, 1925, near Monroeville to Alonzo C. "Bud" and Hazel (McCamment) Dazey. He married Mary Moeller on April 12, 1946. She died Jan. 11, 1989. He then married Ellen (Clingerman) Stiver on June 30, 1993. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Sister Cheryl Dazey of Hammond, Sandi and Steve Lemish, Terry and Margaux Dazey and Ron and Angie Dazey, all of Albion, James C. II and Rhae Dazey of Kendallville, Betty Jo "B.J." and Richard Thiel of Fort Wayne and Chuck and Sandy Dazey of Wolf Lake; his stepchildren, Sue and Larry Montgomery of Butler, Larry and Marie Ely of New Haven and Rick and Lisa Ely of Avilla; 21 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake VFW Post 4717 or Albion American Legion Post 246.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Larry Parr

BUTLER — Larry Alan Parr, 41, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Lamb of God Mennonite Church in Butler.

He was born Sept. 1, 1965, in Kendallville

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Caroline Elizabeth (Bunch) and Russell Krieger of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Lauren LeVon and Carol H. Parr of LaOtto; a brother, Lauren Lee Parr Sr. of Kendallville; a stepbrother and his wife, Mark Alan and Becky Krieger of South Milford; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Penny Sue and Michael Elston of Muncie, Jacqueline June Frain of Kendallville and Stacey Dawn and Robert Sweet of Garrett; a stepsister and her husband, Vickie and Gary Rifenburg of Hudson; and his nieces and nephews, Brittany Parr, Lauren Lee Parr Jr., Heather Elston, Lauren Elizabeth Elston and Payton Sweet.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Denny Eicher will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Bonnie Sampson

SHELBYVILLE — Bonnie J. Sampson, 80, of Shelbyville died at 4 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, at Ashford Place Nursing Home in Shelbyville.

Mrs. Sampson

She was born Dec. 24, 1925, in Noble County to Glen W. and Nona V. (Stults) Bailey.

Her formative years were spent in Kimmell. She graduated from Cromwell High School and worked for Wirk Garment Factory in Ligonier after graduation. She had also worked for Parker Seed Corn and retired from the Indiana State Police Post in Ligonier in 1982.

Following her marriage to Gordon W. Blender, she moved to the Shelbyville area. She later returned to the Kimmell area and then later returned to the Shelbyville area. Mr. Blender preceded her in death.

She married O. Carl Sampson on Oct. 11, 1978, at Kimmell United Methodist Church where she was a member. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister, Betty Lopshire of Fort Wayne; two nieces and their husbands, LuAnn and Thad Coverstone and Sandra and Daniel Trimmer, all of Columbia City; a great-niece, Jennifer Lee Trimmer of Columbia City; and numerous step family members.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Wayne Lopshire.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Rachel Bales-Case of Kimmell United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell at a later date.

Memorials are to Kimmell United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Kenneth Mattlin II

WATERLOO — Kenneth L. Mattlin II, 38, of Waterloo died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at his home.

He was born Oct. 19, 1968, in Champaign, Ill., to Kenneth L. and Dolores M. (Kenner) Mattlin. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Candi and Bill Scott and Pam and Gary Carr, all of Garrett; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kent and Fran Leathers of Grand Marsh, Wis., and Mikeal and Dawn Leathers of Portage, Wis.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Billy Mattlin and Larry Leathers.

No services or calling are planned. Burial will be in Monticello Township Cemetery in Monticello, Ill.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Evelyn Coleman

ANGOLA — Lifetime Angola resident Evelyn Coleman, 83, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Coleman was born on June 29, 1923, in Angola to Darrell and Helen (Penner) Walter. She was married to Darrel W. Coleman on Dec. 28, 1941, and he preceded her in death in November 1994.

She retired from being a cook at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital. She had also been a cook for Kintz Vending & Catering. She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Pleasant Lake, and was a member of the Friendly Circle at the church.

Surviving are three sons, Larry and Mark Coleman, both of Angola, and Richard Coleman of Port Clinton, Ohio; two daughters, Debra Herman of East Chicago and Julie Harpham of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Robert Walter; and a sister, Dorothy Walter.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Stiller officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials may be sent to Pleasant View Church of Christ.

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Ellene Dawson

AVILLA — Ellene E. Dawson, 94, of Avilla and formerly of Fort Wayne died at 10:05 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following an extended illness.

An Ohio native, Ms. Dawson had moved to Fort Wayne from Van Wert. She was a graduate of Van Wert High School and International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She had been employed as a secretary at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 25 years.

She was born May 19, 1912, in Ohio City, Ohio, to Lemuel and Dora (Smith) Rudledge.

Her first husband, Fred Hiller, died in 1945.

Surviving are two children, Susan J. Raymer of Hudson and Tom and Sheryl Dawson of rural Albion; and three grandchildren, Anna Bea Parks and her husband, Myron, Clint Davis and Abby Davis.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Interment will be in Ohio at a later date.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Helen Barksdale

DESTIN, Fla. — Helen M. (Dunham) Barksdale, 97, of Destin, Fla., and formerly of Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, in Destin.

Mrs. Barksdale was born March 6, 1909, in Angola to Dema Susan Flegal and Joseph Louis Regisser. She was married to Olin F. Dunham, who preceded her in death in 1975. She relocated to Florida in 1977 where she married again, and her second husband also preceded her in death.

She was a retired school teacher.

Surviving are two daughters, Janice DeGraw of Rockledge, Fla. and Marjorie Aguair of Vieques, Puerto Rico; a sister, Mary Polite of Angola; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio, with the Rev. Craig Peffley officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Rosa Burlew

EDON, Ohio — Rosa I. Burlew, 78, of Edon, Ohio, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Saturday.

Mrs. Burlew

Mrs. Burlew was born Feb. 24, 1928, in Temperance, Mich., to Amos and Annie Jones. She married James H. Burlew on Dec. 7, 1946 at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola, and he survives.

She was a homemaker and a bus driver for the Edon Northwest Schools, retiring in 1996 with 25 years of service. She attended the Columbia Church of Christ and enjoyed keeping track of the children she transported and her nieces and nephews.

Her hobbies included taking pictures, flower gardening, identifying birds and traveling.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Gaby Nasrallah of Roswell, N.M., Peggy and Charles Scheeter of Coldwater, Mich., and Annie Burlew of Edon; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Laura Lee and Shawn Strickland, of Tracy, Calif., Freddy and Amanda Nasrallah, Joseph and Amanda Nasrallah and Tiffany Nasrallah, all of Roswell, Amy, and Mark Waldrop of Quincy, Mich., Chuck Scheeter of Coldwater, Mich., Rosie Sickels of Edon and Annie Mae Burlew of Toledo, Ohio; six great-grandchildren, Jacob, William and Krysten Nasrallah, all of Roswell, Taylor Waldrop of Quincy and Tresten and Mariannah Burlew-Sickels of Edon; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marjorie Green of Elkhart, Ida and Robert Teats of Montpelier, Ohio, Helen Wisner of Fayette, Ohio and Mary Ann and Garner Parks, of Albion, Mich,; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Amos Jr. And Samuel Jones; a daughter, Sandra Burlew; and a grandson, Michael Scheeter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Columbia Church of Christ, with the Rev. Nathan Derico officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edon.

Burial will be in the Edon Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Kohlman Breast Cancer Research Fund.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralserice.com.

Diane DeRyk

CHURUBUSCO — Diane J. DeRyk, 57, of Huntertown died at 2:50 a.m. today, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following an extended illness.

Survivors include her husband, William G. DeRyk.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to by e-mail online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Margaret Byerley

CHURUBUSCO — Margaret Byerley, 97, formerly of Eel River Township in Allen County, died at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Maxine Penick

LAGRANGE — Maxine B. Penick, 90, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Penick retired from Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., where she had worked from 1952 to 1977. She had also been a representative for Avon and Rawleigh products for many years.

She had lived in LaGrange County most of her life.

Mrs. Penick was a member of the LaGrange American Legion Auxiliary and the Pythian Sisters.

She was born Jan. 26, 1916, in Middlebury to Barton J. and Lena Mae (Taylor) Coleman. She married Donald Penick Sr. on Sept. 18, 1934, in Angola. He died Feb. 17, 1969.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna Sutton of Sturgis and Madeline and Bruce Bornmann of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald Penick Jr. and his companion, Barbara Lawson, of Sturgis and Robert and Janis Penick of Howe; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Simpson officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Lorna Knisely

FREMONT — Lorna Mae Knisely, 78, of Fremont died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Knisely was born March 29, 1928, in Auburn to William and Velma (Fee) Keyes. She was married to Robert B. Knisely on Oct. 16, 1948, in Fremont. He preceded her in death on April 28, 1993.

She retired after 18 years at Simpson Industries (Metaldyne) in Fremont. She was a 1947 graduate of Fremont High School.

She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church, where she was served as a Sunday school teacher and a member of the choir for over 30 years. She was also a volunteer at Fremont Elementary School for many years.

Her hobbies included reading, baseball and college basketball, especially Purdue University. She was a NASCAR fan, and her favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt Sr.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Lorie Knisely of Fremont; a daughter, Lisa Knisely of Hamilton; five grandchildren, Melanie and Tim Constantino, Robin Knisely, Mitchell Knisely, Stephan Fetzer and Austin Fetzer; a sister and brother-in-law, June and Kenny Crandall of Fremont; a brother and sister-in-law, Worden "Bud" and Betty Keyes of Fremont; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Dollars for Scholars at Fremont Community Schools or Fremont United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneral-home.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with revised information.*

Larry Parr

BUTLER — Larry Alan Parr, 41, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Lamb of God Mennonite Church in Butler.

He was born Sept. 1, 1965, in Kendallville

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Caroline Elizabeth (Bunch) and Russell Krieger of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Lauren LeVon and Carol Ann Parr of LaOtto; a brother, Lauren Lee Parr Sr. of Kendallville; a stepbrother and his wife, Mark Alan and Becky Krieger of South Milford; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Penny Sue and Michael Elston of Muncie, Jacqueline June Frain of Kendallville and Stacey Dawn and Robert "Bob" Sweet of Garrett; a stepsister and her husband, Vickie and Gary Rifenburg of Hudson; and his nieces and nephews, Brittany Parr, Lauren Lee Parr Jr., Heather Elston, Lauren Elizabeth Elston and Dayton Sweet.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Denny Eicher will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Margaret Berger

SOUTH BEND — Margaret F. Berger, 87, of South Bend died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006, at Healthwin Specialized Health Care Facility.

Mrs. Berger was born April 8, 1919, in Angola to Weir and Fern (Cole) Morse. She was married to William A. Berger in Angola on Nov. 28, 1940, and he preceded her in death in August 1987.

She worked for the South Bend Community School Corp. as a school secretary at Tarkington School, retiring in 1984. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, and a 50-year member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Cartwright of South Bend; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Nancy Berger of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Karl Hilton of Angola; two grandchildren and a grandson-in-law, Christi and Shaun Dralle and David Cartwright; and four great-grandchildren, Laurie Cartwright, Shelby Cartwright, Abbie Dralle and Tyler Dralle.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Don Morse.

Services were Monday at Welsheimer Funeral Home, South Bend.

Burial was in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association Memorial and Honors Program, PO Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

Condolences are to welshfh@yahoo.com.

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Bradley Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Bradley Dean Hart, 42, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Hart

Mr. Hart had worked at Electric Cord Sets in Wolcottville and Brown's BP and Ten Kwik Oil Change, both in Kendallville.

He loved music, playing the guitar and repairing guitars. He collected Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars and built Johnny Lightning model cars.

Mr. Hart loved children and they enjoyed spending time with him.

He was born May 30, 1964, in Warren, Mich., to Jack E. and Joy L. (Blair) Hart. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Dixie and Jim Brown of Kendallville and Luella Campbell of Wolcottville; a brother, Ray Hart of Kendallville; a niece, Jaclyn Bender of Topeka; three nephews, Adam Hart and Nathan Brown, both of Kendallville, and Nicholas Hart in the U.S. Navy in Japan; two stepnieces, Victoria Campbell of Wolcottville and Venessa Perkins of Kendallville; seven great-nieces; and four great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Darrell Hart in November 1950; a nephew, Brandon Brown in November 1984; paternal grandparents, Ray and Addie Hart and maternal grandparents, Hilda Grey and Raymond Blair.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kathryn Angel

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn N. Angel, 84, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at 3:40 a.m.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John P. Angel of Dallas, Texas, Joseph A. and Linda Angel of Fremont, Kenneth and Cynthia Angel of Columbia City and Steven M. and Sherri Angel of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Rose M. and David Matherly of St. Joe; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas E. Angel Jr., two brothers and one sister.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St.

Memorials are to Masses or to the Precious Blood Rosary Society.

Helene Gramling

AUBURN — Helene Sophia Gramling, 88, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Gramling

Born in Ashley, she retired from Essex Wire Corp. in 1980. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, where she taught Sunday school for 17 years. She was an active woman who loved children, animals, shopping and spending time outdoors.

Surviving are two sons, John Gramling and Robert Gramling, both of Auburn; four granddaughters and their husbands, Sue and Steve Metzler of Bradenton, Fla., Sheri and Willie Crager of Waterloo, Amy and Bobby Becker of Kendallville and Melissa Dawson of Angola; three grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Bryan and Peggy Gramling of Woodburn, Jeff Shire of Ashley and Scott Gramling of Angola; 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; a sister, Martha Crager of Fort Wayne, and a niece, Linda Simanton of Texas.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Mark Edwards, 49

AVILLA — Mark J. Edwards, 49, of Avilla, died at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. He had been ill for several months.

Mr. Edwards was employed at Dana Corp., where he was union vice president.

He was a lifetime resident of Avilla and member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

He loved his family, farming, pigs and sports and John Deere items.

He was born Feb. 7, 1957, in Kendallville to John and Daisy (Owen) Edwards. His mother survives.

He married Holly Frymier on July 2, 1983. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Keanon Edwards, and three daughters, Klanci, Kearni and Kavan Edwards, all at home; several nieces and nephews; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverly and Randy Krafft of Spencerville and Joyce and Wayne Jester of Mooreland; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Greg and Joy Edwards of Napoleon, Ohio, and Doug and Becky Edwards of Churubusco.

He was proceeded in death by his father.

Services were held November 6, 2006 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiated. Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials to the Edwards Children's Education Fund in care of Community State Bank.

Lorraine A. Richardson, 61

GARRETT — Lorraine A. Richardson, 61, of Garrett died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at 7 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Richardson was a housekeeper at Montrose General Hospital in Pennsylvania for 11 years, retiring in 2001. She was a member of the Fort Wayne American Legion Post 47 Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 12, 1945, in Montrose, Pa., to Albert L. and Anna M. (Ney) Tingley. They preceded her in death.

She married Mark E. Richardson Jr. on Nov. 16, 1963, in Montrose. He died March 18, 2005.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark A. and Tegan Richardson of Brighton, Tenn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Joana M. and David Goddard of Avilla; a sister, Evelyn Foster of Montrose; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Albert James Tingley.

A gathering of friends and family was held November 6, 2006 at Thomas Funeral Home, in Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ellene E. Dawson, 94

Ellene E. Dawson, 94, a former resident of Fort Wayne, died at 10:05 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following an extended illness.

Ms. Dawson was born on May 19, 1912 in Ohio City, Ohio, the youngest of six children born to Leumuel and Dora (Smith) Rudledge. She graduated from Van Wert High School, and later graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She moved to Fort Wayne from Van Wert, and had been employed as a secretary at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 25 years.

Her first husband Fred Hiller died in 1945.

The surviving relatives include two children Susan J. Raymer of Hudson and Tom (Sheryl) Dawson of rural Albion; and three grandchildren Anna Bea (Myron) Parks, Clint Davis, and Abby Davis.

In addition to her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 8th at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Interment will be held in Ohio at a later date.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at **sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net**.

ALBION NEW ERA
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James Wilson, 72

SOUTH MILFORD - James M. Wilson, 72, of South Milford died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where he had been a resident for three weeks.

Mr. Wilson was a lifetime area resident.

He retired in 1985 from International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 30 years of service. He had also been a bus driver for Prairie Heights School Corp. for 19 years.

Mr. Wilson was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church, Emmaus Community and had formerly been a member of the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department.

He enjoyed antique tractors, playing guitar and working on cars.

He was born Feb. 3, 1934, in Stroh to Curtis and Dorothy (Phovemire) Wilson. He married June M. Freeman on June 27, 1953, in Avilla. She survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Debra and Dave King of Avilla, Janice and Dick Owens of Rome City, Becky Walker of LaGrange and Carmen and Mike Stacer of Cadiz, Ky.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Curtis and Terri Wilson of Howe and Terry and Chela Wilson of Plain City, Utah; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and George Monesmith of Fort Wayne; a stepsister, Linda Fremion of Hudson; a stepbrother, Ted Garber of Fort Wayne; a stepfather, Ray Garber, and his friend Helen, of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held November 8, 2006 at South Milford United Methodist Church in South Milford. Pastor Barbara Cross of the church officiated.

Burial was at Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dick Owens, Dave King, Mike Stacer, Matt Carter, Trinity Boyd and Donny Angus.

Memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

James Boggs, 67

KENDALLVILLE - James Boggs, 67, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Boggs retired in 1994 after 10 years of service at Quick Tanks in Kendallville. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1958.

He was a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mr. Boggs enjoyed searching for antiques at garage sales, yard work and traveling with his companion.

He was born Nov. 26, 1938, in Emmalena, Ky., to Carlos and Ethel (Martin) Boggs. He married Anna Lee Stanley on Sept. 13, 1966, in Kendallville. She preceded him in death on May 21, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Jim Boggs of Kendallville; a stepson, Phil Patton of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter, Betty Grady of LaOtto; four grandchildren, Stephanie and Joe Shepherd of Waterloo, Jimmy Wicker of Avilla, Travis Grady of Rome City, and Jessica Patton of Elkhart; six great-grandchildren; and his companion, Helen Settles of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ivan and Willis Boggs; and a sister, Glenna Stanko.

Services were held November 7, 2006 at Hite Funeral Home. The Rev. Lee Combs officiated.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers were James Boggs, Travis Grady, Jimmy Wicker, Joe Shepherd, Ken Wallace and Jason Wallace.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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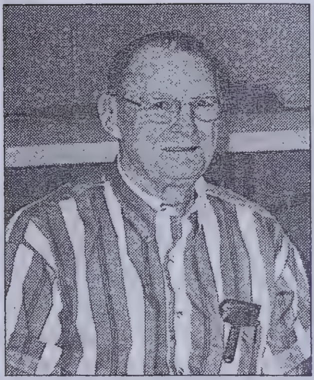

James C. "J.C." Dazey, 80

James C. "J.C." Dazey, 80, a resident of rural Albion near Wolf Lake, was pronounced dead on arrival at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville at 10:06 a.m. Monday, November 6, 2006, after collapsing unexpectedly at his residence.

Mr. Dazey was born near Monroeville on December 23, 1925, the only son of Alonzo C. "Bud" and Hazel (McCamment) Dazey, and moved to Wolf Lake as a child with his parents. As a young man he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and remained extremely proud of his military duty all of his life. He was married to Mary Moeller on April 12, 1946, and the couple spent all of their married lives in Wolf Lake.

A truck driver in Noble County all of his life, he had worked for Ingersoll Rand Trucking Company for over 19 years until 1984, and retired in 1990 from Kreager Brothers in Cromwell. His first wife Mary died on January 11, 1989. Following his retirement he lived for a period in Estero, Florida, was married on June 30, 1993 to Ellen (Clingerman) Stiver, and later returned to rural Noble County.

His family was the love of his life, and he was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, Wolf Lake Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 4717, and the Albion Eagles Lodge.

The surviving relatives include his second wife Ellen; his children Sr. Cheryl Dazey of Hammond, Sandi (Steve) Lemish of Albion; James C. (Rhae) Dazey II of Kendallville, Betty Jo "B. J." (Richard) Thiel of Fort Wayne, Terry (Margaux) Dazey of Albion, Chuck (Sandy) Dazey of Wolf Lake, and Ron (Angie) Dazey of Albion; his stepchildren Sue (Larry) Montgomery of Butler, Larry (Marie) Ely of New Haven, and Rick (Lisa) Ely of Avilla; 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and by an infant sister.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 10, 2006, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Don Poyser, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service.

Interment with military graveside rites will be in the Wolf Lake Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Wolf Lake VFW Post 4717 or Albion American Legion Post 246.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 8, 2006, Wednesday

Bonnie J. Sampson, 80

Bonnie J. Sampson, 80, of Shelbyville, IN died at 4:00a.m. on November 5, 2006 at Ashford Place Nursing Home, Shelbyville, IN. Born in Noble County, IN on December 24, 1925, she was the daughter of Glen W. and Nona V. (Stutts) Bailey.

Her formative years were spent in Kimmell where she graduated from Cromwell High School.

After her first marriage to Gordon W. Blender, she moved from Kimmell to the Shelbyville area. She returned to the Kimmell area until a few years ago. She then moved to the Shelbyville area until the present time.

She married O. Carl Sampson on October 11, 1978 at Kimmell United Methodist Church. Wirk

She worked for W Garment Factory, Ligonier after graduation, Parker Seed Corn, and she retired from the Indianan State Police Post, Ligonier in 1982.

She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church.

Survivors include 1 sister, Betty Lopshire of Fort Wayne, IN; 2 nieces, LuAnn (Thad) Coverstone and Sandra (Daniel) Trimmer both of Columbia City, IN; 1 great niece, Jennifer Lee Trimmer of Columbia City, IN; and numerous step family members.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Gordon W. Blender, second husband, O. Carl Sampson, and a brother-in-law, Wayne Lopshire.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with Pastor Rachel Bales-Case of Kimmell United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, IN at a later date.

Memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Sampson's memory to Kimmell United Methodist Church.

To send family condolences, sign the guest register or light a memorial candle, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 9, 2006, Thursday

Bill Childers

ALBION — Bill R. Childers, 54, of Albion died at 2 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at his parents' home following a lengthy battle with lung cancer.

Mr. Childers had been employed in the maintenance department at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville.

A native of Kentucky, he had moved to Noble County in 1959.

He was a 1970 graduate of Central Noble High School and a member of Gospel Lighthouse.

Mr. Childers enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He also enjoyed working in his yard, gardening and working on cars.

He was born Feb. 5, 1952, in Garrett, Ky., to Edsel and Catherine (Cox) Childers. They survive.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jodi and David Helmer of Fort Wayne, Jamey and Michael Brokaw of Middlebury and Samantha Childers of Rogers, Ark.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Kathy Childers of Leo; and four grandchildren, Corey Kiser, Makenna Brokaw, Bailee Helmer and Addison Helmer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Carter Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Mae Bailey

LIGONIER — Mae S. Bailey, 91, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Bailey was a lifetime area resident. She had worked for Essex Wire in Ligonier as a press operator for more than 17 years.

She enjoyed working puzzles and watching TV.

Mrs. Bailey was born May 24, 1915, in Noble County to Hugh and Bessie (Grubb) Hickman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Schuyler Bailey, on July 31, 1973.

Surviving are five children, Harold and Carla Bailey of Ligonier, Rex Bailey of Wawaka, Edward and Julie Ann Bailey of Florida, Ronald Bailey of Alabama and Linda Robinson of Wolf Lake; a brother, Hugh Hickman Jr. of Albion; a sister, Martha Mansfield of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Richard A. and David L.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Paul Bailey officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery near Ligonier.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Diane DeRyk

HUNTERTOWN — Diane J. DeRyk, 57, of Huntertown died at 2:50 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had been a resident the past five years.

Mrs. DeRyk was a graduate of Central Catholic High School and earned a bachelor's degree in 1971 and master's degree in 1975, both from Saint Francis College.

She had been a teacher in the Fort Wayne Catholic Diocese for 20 years, serving 17 years at St. Vincent's in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. DeRyk was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 27, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Alex and Helen (Silvers) Milewski. She married William "Bill" DeRyk on Aug. 7, 1971. He survives.

Also surviving are three children, Angela and Charles Reid, Jeremy and Rachel DeRyk and Amanda and Jarrod Wilson, all of Huntertown; a sister and brother-in-law, Pamela and Gerald Kleber of Fort Wayne; and grandchildren, Allison Reid, Wyatt Reid, Haydn Wilson and Zoie Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Father Robert Shulte officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with a vigil service at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209 or to Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St., Avilla, IN 46710.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Robert Adkins

HUNTINGTON — Robert Adkins, 72, of Huntington died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Adkins had moved to Huntington three years ago from Albion where he had resided for 25 years.

He had managed Doc's Hardware Store in Albion for 10 years and retired after 30 years of service with International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

A native of Ohio, he was a graduate of Haviland High School in Haviland, Ohio. He served in the Korean War with the United States Army.

He was born Feb. 25, 1934, in Oak Hill, Ohio, to James and Mary (Kuhn) Adkins. He married Gloria J. Wilson on Sept. 10, 1976, in Huntington. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert Adkins Jr. of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kristina and Harrison Combs of Fort Wayne and Carol Ann and Larry McGee of Granite City, Ill.; two stepsons, Terry Beekman of Traverse City, Mich., and Steve Beekman of Columbia City; five stepdaughters and their husbands, Gail and Mike Baum of Roanoke, Rhonda and Greg Kenline of Albion, Kay and Terry Pfister of Huntington, Pam and John Green of South Bend and Missie and Brad Tempest of Columbus; two sisters, Delores Smith of Muncy, Pa., and Elizabeth Yearwood of Fort Wayne; three half brothers, James Adkins of Sycamore, Ohio, David Adkins of Bucyrus, Ohio, and Bob Adkins of Oak Hill, Ohio; two half sisters, Susan and Don Nichols of Jackson, Ohio, and Cathy Brown of Oak Hill; 23 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Rick Adkins and Tony Adkins, and two daughters, Brenda Martin and Susie Adkins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington with Pastor Russell Buzzard officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, VFW Post 2689 Color Guard or the Huntington County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent online to www.baileylove.com.

Robert Taylor

HOWE — Robert P. Taylor, 85, of Howe died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at his home.

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and had retired from Ross Laboratory in Sturgis, Mich., after 35 years of service.

Mr. Taylor was a World War II Army veteran.

He was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215, Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F.&A.M., Lima Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Howe Fire Department.

He was born Jan. 15, 1921, in LaGrange to Paul H. Virgie (Babcock) Taylor. He married Elizabeth M. Guthrie on June 15, 1947. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Roger Nelson of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Brenda Taylor of Indianapolis; a brother, James Taylor of Howe; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kathryn and Charles Sautter of Howe and Margaret Hubbard of Muncie; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lima Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 335, Howe, IN 46746.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 9, 2006, Thursday

Margaret Byerley

FORT WAYNE — Margaret E. Byerley, 97, of Fort Wayne died at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Byerley had been a homemaker and assisted her husband with his insurance business. She was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Byerley was a 1928 graduate of Leo High School.

She was born June 30, 1909, in Fort Wayne to William and Ora (Summers) Shearer. She married George Byerley on Nov. 2, 1929, in Fort Wayne. He died July 14, 1973.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews and her caregiver, George Arnold of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Leah Joye Byerley, on Sept. 6, 1985; a sister, Virginia Hawkins; and four brothers, Atwell, Gordon, Harry and Bill Shearer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Aubrianna Sprague

ALLEN, Mich. — Aubrianna Nicole Sprague died shortly after her birth on Friday, Nov. 3, 2006. She was the daughter of Amanda Miller and Matthew Sprague of Allen, Mich.

Surviving with Aubrianna's parents are her maternal grandparents, Teresa and Thomas Midtgard of Montgomery, Mich. and Steven and Michelle Miller; paternal grandparents, Darlene and Allen Sprague of Allen; great-grandparents, Harris and Maxine Smith of Fremont, Trudy Midtgard of Camden, Mich., Kathleen and Lyle Brenke, Rosemary Sprague and Virginia Center, all of Michigan; aunts and uncles Terry Smith and Cindy Smith, both of Fremont, Becky Sprague of Allen, Peyton Miller, Carson Miller, Jennifer and Brandon Craddock and Joshua Sprague.

She was preceded in death by three great-grandfathers, Thomas Midtgard, Albert Sprague and William Center.

Calling will be today from 4 to 6 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich. A memorial service will follow.

Dean Hoffman

COLUMBIA CITY — Dean Hoffman, 46, of rural Columbia City near Collins died at 3:57 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at his home.

Among his survivors is his wife, Karen.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
November 9, 2006, Thursday

Allan Harris II

LIGONIER — Allan Charles Harris II, 62, died at 11:11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006, at his residence in rural Ligonier.

Mr. Harris was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

He was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling and had a large Noah's ark collection.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1943 in Freeport, Ill, to Allan Charles and Lynwood Pearl (White) Harris Sr.

He married Eva Marie Snyder on June 17, 1967, in North Manchester. She survives in rural Ligonier.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have lived in Ligonier for the past 32 years, coming from North Manchester, where they both attended college.

Also surviving are three daughters and son-in-law, Rebekah and Scot Ousley of Claypool, Sarah Harris of Austin, Texas and Abigail Harris of Ligonier; two grandchildren, Katherine and David Ousley; and one sister, Jean Epping of Freeport, Ill.

Services were held Monday at the Ligonier United Methodist Church Crosswalk with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials to the Ligonier United Methodist Church Library Fund.

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Ruben Butler Jr.

COLUMBIA CITY — Ruben C. Butler Jr., 83, of Columbia City died at 1:55 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient three weeks.

Mr. Butler

He had moved to Columbia City in 2001 from Allen County.

Mr. Butler was a self-employed plasterer and a farmer. He retired in 1989.

He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran and also served during the Korean War.

He was an active member of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam where he was the church's official greeter.

Mr. Butler was also a member of the Arcola Lions Club, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and Harmony Lodge 19 IOOF. He had served as Odd Fellows treasurer and was a past Noble Grand and past District Deputy Grand Master of the lodge.

In his leisure he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Aug. 8, 1923, in Payne, Ohio, to Ruben Sr. and Veronica (Ness) Butler.

Surviving are a sister, Fae Carter of Columbia City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Sherman and Freada Sutorius; and two brothers, Jesse Butler and John Butler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery near Huntertown with military rites.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Monday at the church. IOOF services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Theresa Anthony

AUBURN — Theresa L. Anthony, 40, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a 1985 graduate of DeKalb High School and a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

She was born July 31, 1966, in Angola.

Surving are her father, Gerald Anthony of Auburn; her mother and stepfather, Judy A. (Egly) and Warren Kruger of Auburn; and a sister, Tammy K. Anthony of Logansport.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Wayne St., Auburn. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include service times.*

Helene Gramling

AUBURN — Helene Sophia Gramling, 88, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Ashley to Bertha and Herman Krueger, she retired from Essex Wire Corp. in 1980. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, where she taught Sunday school for 17 years. She was an active woman who loved children, animals, shopping and spending time outdoors.

Mrs. Gramling

Surviving are two sons, John Gramling and Robert Gramling, both of Auburn; four granddaughters and their husbands, Sue and Steve Metzler of Bradenton, Fla., Sheri and Willie Crager of Waterloo, Amy and Bobby Becker of Kendallville and Melissa Pawson of Angola; three grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Bryan and Peggy Gramling of Woodburn, Jeff Shire of Ashley and Scott Gramling of Angola; 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; a sister, Martha Krueger of Fort Wayne, and a niece, Linda Simanton of Texas.

Services were today at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Pastor Lloyd Bickel officiated. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

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John Monchilov

BUTLER — John E. Monchilov, 58, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Monchilov was a graduate of Ferris State University with a degree in business administration. He was the owner of Superior Manufacturing, a maker of marketing displays for businesses.

Mr. Monchilov

He was a liftime member of Pyrotechnic Guild International and the American Conifer Society. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed his bulldog, Dozer.

He was born Sept. 12, 1948, in Caro, Mich., to John and Emma (Spencer) Monchilov. They preceded him in death.

He married Victoria Maude Nagie on May, 6, 1972, in Reese, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jason, and his fiancee, Melissa Spicer, of Hamilton; two daughters, Jennifer Rao and Kimberly Gilliam, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Rick Monchilov of Fairgrove, Mich., and Ronald Monchilov of Fenton, Mich.; and six grandchildren, Eric, Micheala, Olivia, Michael, Taylor and Logan.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home at Butler. Pastor Richard Woolever will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Kevin Wait

CHURUBUSCO — Kevin Eric Wait, 43, of Churubusco died unexpectedly Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wait

Mr. Wait had been working in construction and had previously worked for Hitech Corp., Kilgore Manufacturing, Dexter Axle and Auburn Foundry as a machinist and CNC lathe operator.

He was a 1981 graduate of Columbia City Joint High School.

Mr. Wait loved sports and outdoor activities, especially fishing.

He was born March 28, 1963, in Columbia City to Roger and Ruth (Gilbert) Wait. His mother, Ruth Wait, survives in Churubusco and his father and stepmother, Roger and Inara Wait, survive in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Tina Wait of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Rick Price of Etna Green; a half brother, Erik Wait of Dallas, Texas; a half sister, Kristin Wait of Dallas; four nephews, James Gibson of Etna Green, Corey Wait and Cody Wait, both of Albion and Ethan Wait of Dallas; and a niece, Jennifer Gibson of Etna Green.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Kathleen Roehm

AVILLA — Kathleen A. (Moriarty) Roehm, 76, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Roehm

Born in Willard, Ohio, she retired from Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. in 1995. She was a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett and was a 1948 graduate of Willard High School.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen J. Roehm of Kendallville and Michael R. Roehm of Garrett; two daughters, Betty K, Stewart of Garrett and Lisa K. Horvath of South Bend; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William V. and Helen M. (Griffin) Moriarty, and a brother, Robert Moriarty.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Dean Hoffman

COLUMBIA CITY — Dean Allen Hoffman, 46, of rural Columbia City died at 3:57 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman was a lifetime area resident. He was a farmer and was associated with the family farming operation, Hoffman's Hillcrest Farms Inc., located in Smith and Union townships in Whitley County.

He was a 1979 graduate of Churubusco High School.

Mr. Hoffman was a member of the First Church of God in Columbia City and had been active in 4-H all of his life. He was the current Whitley County Beef Club leader.

He enjoyed woodworking and craft projects.

Mr. Hoffman was born July 29, 1960, in Columbia City to Richard and Carol (Radke) Hoffman. They survive in Columbia City.

He married Karen Pribbernow on Sept. 19, 1981, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jordan Hoffman, at home; a daughter, Michaela Hoffman, at home; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rebecca and Tony Mangas of Mansfield, Ohio, and Colleen and Bryan Graham of Columbia City; his mother- and father-in-law, Richard and Patti Pribbernow of Fremont; two brothers-in-law, Kyle Pribbernow of Huntertown and Kent Pribbernow of Fremont; a grandfather-in-law, Don Arnold of Fort Wayne; several aunts and uncles; and numerous cousins and friends.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First Church of God in Columbia City with Pastor George Reser officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at the church and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the family.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Paul Jennings

AUBURN — Paul Eugene Jennings, 88, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Jennings

Mr. Jennings was a farmer in Wilmington Township. He worked at the Auburn Rubber Co. and was a supervisor at Cooper Industrial Products, retiring in 1984 after 24 years of service.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps, and was a life member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566, where he held every degree of the lodge including The Pilgrim's Degree.

He was born July 6, 1918, in Butler to Russell L. and Ruby H. (Platt) Jennings. They preceded him in death.

He married Joyce Warren on July 14, 1945, in Lime Ridge, Wis. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Roger and Beverly Jennings of Wilmore, Ky., Ronald Jennings of Tucson, Ariz., Rodrick and Pamela Jennings of Romeoville, Ill., and Rex Jennings of Romeoville, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Roseanne and Kevin Fahlsing of Avilla; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Phyllis Jennings of Edgerton, Ohio; and three sisters, Maxine Sanders and Margaret Sanders, both of Edgerton, Ohio, and Wilma Jean Armstrong of Butler.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Amelia Anne Jennings and Dawn Marie Fahlsing; a brother, Richard Jennings; and a sister, Evelyn Gift.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Farnam Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The Moose Lodge will conduct a Pilgrim Ceremony at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Mooseheart.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 11, 2006, Saturday

Earl Stalter

MIDDLEBURY — Earl J. Stalter, 90, died at 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at his residence in Middlebury.

Mr. Stalter

He was born on Jan. 11, 1916, in Gridley, Ill., to John D. and Ida (Yoder) Stalter, both of whom are deceased.

He married LeAnna F. Stalter on March 19, 1938, in Pigeon, Mich. She died Aug. 26, 2000. He and his wife were the founders of Stalter Glass in Middlebury, which they owned and operated for 60 years. He was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Middlebury where he served as an elder and taught Sunday school.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Virginia Lee Kramer of Goshen and Darlene Fay and Robert Kujawski of Fort Collins, Colo.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis Ray Stalter and Richard E.J. and Nanette Stalter, all of Middlebury; a brother and sister-in-law, John D. and Kathryn Stalter of Goshen; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Beverly Jane Birkey and Carol Ann Stalter, four brothers and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin and the Rev. Jeff Aupperle officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Middlebury Food Pantry.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

W.T. Moncrief

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — W.T. "Monty" Moncrief, 84, of Memphis, Tenn., died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006.

He was retired and was proud of being a decorated World War II Army veteran. He was a member of Merton Street Church of Christ.

He is survived by a son, Brandon Moncrief of Kimmell, Ind.; a sister, Louise Fitts; two brothers, Thomas and Bill Moncrief; two nieces, Cindy and Jennifer; and his caregivers, Paul A. and Mary E. Bullock.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Merton Street Church of Christ High Point Chapel in Memphis, Tenn.

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November 12, 2006, Sunday

‘That’s who Matt was’

Father remembers son with love, pride

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Matt Hayward was only 18 years old, but he had big plans.

The Prarie Heights High School senior wanted a career in the military. And to prepare for that, he signed up for the Army National Guard in August 2005 — when he was 17.

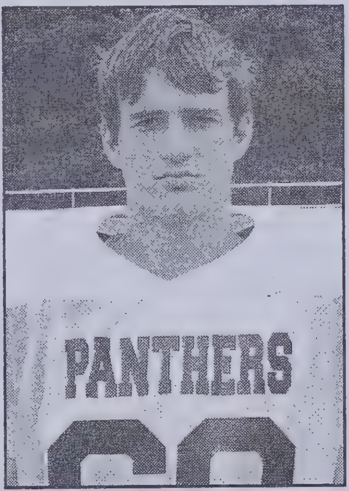
“He brought the papers to his mother and I ... we had to sign them because he could be put in harm’s way and he was a minor,” said Matt’s father, Michael Hayward. “I told him I didn’t know if I wanted to sign it. He was going to be 18 that May, and he said, ‘Well, Dad, in May you won’t have to.’ I knew then that this was a kid who knew what he wanted to do. That’s who Matt was.”

But Matt never got to pursue his dream. The teen took automotive classes in Fremont during the morning hours, then would stop at home in Flint for lunch and go on to afternoon classes at Prairie Heights. On Oct. 18, Matt missed a stop sign at C.R. 350N and C.R. 800W coming home from Fremont. His vehicle was struck by another vehicle, and Matt was killed.

The Hayward family has been awestruck by the outpouring of support they have received from the community.

“It’s been unbelieveable to me,” Michael said.

Michael has taken comfort in other people’s memories of



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Prairie Heights High School senior Matt Hayward.

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his son.

"People have told me stories about Matt that I didn't know, and I'm glad I do now," he said. "It really helps to know that he touched so many people in his 18 years."

Michael said he will always remember his son's infectious grin.

"He always had it," he said. "He never didn't have a smile for somebody."

Matt had worked at the Angola Rural King store for two years.

"He was a very mature kid," Michael said. "He knew what he wanted to do, and he was doing it."

Matt had been a member of the Prairie Heights Panthers football team, but an injury sustained in a car accident last fall took him off the field.

"He broke his femur," Michael said.

Nevertheless, Matt's teammates still considered him one of them. After Matt's funeral service, some of the PH football players presented Michael with the game ball from their last game.

"They wanted me to know that Matt was still part of the team," Michael said, his voice breaking.

Matt's injury may have prevented him from playing football, but he refused to let it interfere with his National Guard duties.

"They had to chase him off the drill field when he was on crutches," Michael said. "And when an officer came into a room, he'd get up and stand at attention, even though he didn't have to."

Matt's family put together a collage of photographs for his funeral services, and Michael said that everyone who came past pointed out a different picture as having special signifigance.

"Every picture there meant something to someone," he said. "Some of the football boys were asking for copies."

Matt didn't only have good friends from Prairie Heights. He had also made friends with people in his automotive class in Fremont and through the National Guard.

"He didn't have just one best friend," Michael said. "I found that out. He had lots."

Matt's mother Tammy works on Thursday nights, and his two older sisters, Amanda and Toni, are both away at Manchester College. So Thursdays were typically alone time for Matt and his dad.

"Thursday night was our night. We'd watch 'C.S.I.' and 'Survivor,'" Michael said. "And it was the time when we could talk."

Boy Scouting was a big part of Matt's life. He was very close to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and enjoyed being a mentor to younger scouts.

"When they had questions, they'd ask Matt. He took the younger ones under his wing and said, 'Here, I'll show you how.' He was a real giving kid in all aspects," Michael said.

Matt's generous nature came out in a variety of different ways.

"One day a girl at school was crying; she was having a bad day," Michael said. "My son went out and bought her a dozen roses.

"Then there was the time a freshman was going to get his varsity jacket, but he wasn't sure what size to get. Matt let him wear his jacket half the day so he could get a feel for it."

Losing Matt has left a huge hole in Michael's life.

"He was the baby and our only boy," he said. "It still hurts. It's still so hard. But we've been told the best thing we can do is talk about Matthew. And we do."

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Eileen Harrold

COLUMBIA CITY — Eileen M. Harrold, 87, of Columbia City died at 3:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Mrs. Harrold

She was a homemaker and lived in the same residence in Smith Township for more than 60 years.

She was born in Ravena, Mich., to Joy and Edith (Gilbert) Hiscutt on Feb. 13, 1919. She moved to Whitley County with her parents as a young girl and graduated from Columbia City High School in 1937.

On Jan. 21, 1938, she married Robert K. Harrold in Louisville, Ky. He died June 4, 1996.

She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school for more than 45 years. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and of the Thorncreek Township Home Demonstration Club.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly and Roger Bridge of Rockville and Brenda K. Boggess of rural Columbia City; a special niece and her husband, Sandy and Robert Whitson of Pataskala, Ohio; two sisters, Janice Nahler of Syracuse and Joyce Bair of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Lena Hiscutt of New Haven and Judd and Dorothy Hiscutt of New Port Ritchie, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents and two brothers, Robert and Gilbert Hiscutt.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in the Blue River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Crofus Dobson

CORUNNA — Infant Crofus Leonard Dobson died shortly after birth Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are his parents, Ronnie Gene and April Joy (Marshall) Dobson of Corunna; a brother, Bryce Q. Dobson, at home; grandparents Willis and Ilene Dobson of Auburn and Adam and Alean Marshall of Auburn; great-grandmother May Dobson of Auburn; an uncle and aunt, Shane and Darla Marshall of Auburn; several great aunts and great uncles; and cousins.

Private family services will be conducted, with the David Funeral Home of Kendallville in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.davidfuneralhome.net.

Memorials to the family may be sent to David Funeral Home, 1292 Drake Road, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Elizabeth Brenner

AUBURN — Elizabeth Brenner, 87, of Auburn and formerly of Dunedin, Fla., died Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born May 5, 1919, in Freeport, Ill., to Nelson R. and Frances (Wiltshire) James.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judith Ann and David Timmerman of Auburn and Beth Brenner Stahl and her husband, Mark, of Westfield, N.J.; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Laurie Brenner of West Branch, Mich.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Robert and Anita Timmerman, Linda and Gary Depue and Graeme Stahl; seven great-grandsons; and a sister, Iris Anderson of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Albert Brenner, in 1997, and three brothers.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Dunedin, Fla. Burial will be in Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, Fla.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Gideons International or the Auburn Alliance Church.

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Janet Clark

ROME CITY — Janet Elaine Clark, 45, of Rome City died at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at her residence. She had been ill since August of 2005.

Mrs. Clark

She was a homemaker and had done some modeling at one time. She enjoyed gardening and garage sales, and she was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church.

A veteran, she was a member of the Indiana Air National Guard from 1991 to 2000 and had served in Kuwait in 1997 as a senior airman. She enjoyed her time in the military service.

She was born Sept. 25, 1961, in Fort Wayne to James and Marie C. (Bell) Morton. She was a 1980 graduate of Angola High School.

Surviving are two daughters, Christina Snyder and her husband Jason of Columbia City, and Rebecca Leins and her fiance, Josh Johnson, of Columbia City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Seth and Jessica Leins of Wawaka and Dakota Behrer, at home; four grandchildren, Dalton Snyder, Corbin Snyder, Connor Leins and Ashley Johnson; her mother, Marie C. Morton of Angola; two sisters, Mary Jetmore of Helmer and Lisa Eastwood of Hopewell, Va.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Lesia Morton of Kendallville.

Preceding her in death was her father, James Morton, in 1988.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rome City United Methodist Church, the Rev. Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are for the care of her son, Dakota Behrer, in care of Frank Morton.

Pallbearers will be Seth Leins, Jason Snyder, Josh Johnson, Matt Morton, Nate Healey and Jeff Bell.

Lela Hogan

AUBURN — Lela Mabel Hogan, 93, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at Wesley Health Care of Auburn.

She was a homemaker.

She was born May 25, 1913, in Mae, Ohio, to David and Ina (Sponhower) Ridenour.

On Aug. 24, 1933, she married Lewis Franklin Hogan. He died Jan. 30, 1979.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Hogan of Angola, Russel Hogan of Kendallville and Darl Hogan of Nevada; four daughters, Margaret Gonzalez Bishop of Auburn, Patricia Park of Angola, Wilma Searfoss of Leesburg and Virginia Hansen of Albion; a sister, Alice Irene Leslie of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 34 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; a son, Larry Hogan; four sisters; four brothers; and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Cedar St., Auburn, the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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George Lincoln

CHURUBUSCO — George Wendell Lincoln, 92, of Churubusco and formerly of Swan Township in Noble County died at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mr. Lincoln

Mr. Lincoln was a lifetime area resident.

He retired in 1976 with 30 years of service as a bridge construction superintendent for Reith & Riley. He had also farmed in Swan Township.

Mr. Lincoln was a 50-year member of Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM and a member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136.

He was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church near Churubusco and 39-year member of the Carpenters Union.

He was born Jan. 29, 1914, to George and Harriett (Zeal) Lincoln. He married Velma Ferguson on Feb. 14, 1934, in Columbia City. She died Oct. 4, 1998.

Surviving are his children, Betty McHenry of Milford, Barbara Fritz of Fort Wayne, Billy Lincoln of Columbia City and David Lincoln of Edgerton, Ohio; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Larry Lincoln in 1941; two brothers, Dorrence Lincoln and Warren Lincoln; three sisters, Theora McBride, Fern Runyan and Alice Sesler; and a great-great-grandson.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Kathryn Greensides

BRISTOL — Kathryn Rae Greensides, 72, of Bristol died at 8:56 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, in Goshen General Hospital. She had been in failing health.

Mrs. Greensides

Mrs. Greensides was a homemaker and helped on the family farm.

She was a member of the York Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Greensides enjoyed baking.

She was born March 12, 1934, in Middlebury to Ray and Myrtle (Stutzman) Mauck. She married Melvin Greensides on Jan. 2, 1954, in Middlebury. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Richard and Leslie Greensides of Bristol, Dale and Debbie Greensides, James and Laura Greensides of Bristol and William "Bill" Greensides, all of Bristol; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and John Kauffman and Nancy and Robert Kindel, all of Bristol; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Beverly Mauck of Middlebury; another sister-in-law, June Mauck of Middlebury; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a great-granddaughter, Faith Greensides; and a brother, Harold Mauck.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Ted Eash officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery in White Pigeon, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 14, 2006, Tuesday

Damon Freeman

CORUNNA — Damon "Dane" Joseph Freeman, 16, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at his home in Corunna.

Dane Freeman

He was a member of the Freedom to Worship Church of God in Altona. He enjoyed spending time with his friends, four-wheeling, hunting, fishing and going to church. He loved animals, especially his dogs Chico, Jackson and Seuss, and loved all of his friends.

He was born Feb. 14, 1990, in Auburn to the Rev. Joseph and Lois (Ramsey) Freeman of Corunna. They survive.

Also surviving are five brothers, Jimmy Freeman of Wise, Va., Steve Freeman of Johnson City, Tenn., Ricky Freeman of Gainesville, Tenn., Jeff Freeman of Macon, Ga., and Dustin Ramsey of Auburn; a sister, Lora Abate of Big Stone Gap, Va.; eight nieces and nephews from Virginia and Tennessee; six uncles and their spouses, Harold Ramsey and Barb Worm of Auburn, Ken Ramsey of Auburn, and Rufford Freeman, Barney and Norma Freeman, Darrell and Edna Freeman and Ralph and Wilma Freeman, all of Ohio; three aunts and their spouses, Christine Starnes of Ohio and Janette and Hubert Cooke and Doris and Tommy Wells of Tennessee; and many great-aunts, great-uncles and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and an uncle, Paul Freeman.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Darrell Brandenburg, the Rev. Bill Watkins, the Rev. Charles Witt, Brother Jerry Head and the Rev. Darrell Freeman will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Jose Servin

ANGOLA — Jose R. Servin, 59, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or calling. Mr. Servin will be buried in Mexico.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Fern Hankey

BUTLER — Fern Hankey, 87, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

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Lela Hogan

AUBURN — Lela Mabel Hogan, 93, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at Wesley Health Care of Auburn.

She was a homemaker.

She was born May 25, 1913, in Ney, Ohio, to David and Ina (Sponhower) Ridenour.

On Aug. 24, 1933, she married Lewis Franklin Hogan. He died Jan. 30, 1979.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Hogan of Angola, Russel Hogan of Kendallville and Darl Hogan of Nevada; four daughters, Margaret Gonzalez Bishop of Auburn, Patricia Park of Angola, Wilma Searfoss of Leesburg and Virginia Hansen of Avilla; a sister, Alice Irene Leslie of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 34 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; two sons, Larry Hogan and Lewis Wendell Hogan; four sisters; four brothers; and two grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Services were today at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Cedar St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

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Cody Hoover

KENDALLVILLE — Cody Hoover, 18, of Kendallville died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, in Kendallville.

Cody Hoover

He was born in Kendallville on May 14, 1988, to Rickie Lee and Lori Kay (Woodcox) Hoover. They survive in LaGrange.

He attended Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville and enjoyed weightlifting, fishing, boxing, and listening to music.

Also surviving are two brothers, Jake Lortie of LaGrange and Jeremy of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Jessica and Christin Hoover, both of LaGrange, Melanie of Kendallville and Haley of Fort Wayne; paternal grandparents, Harry "Pinky" and Diane Gamble of Wolcottville; maternal grandparents, John and Nancy Woodcox of Kendallville; a grandmother, Lydia Bolen of Kendallville; grandparents, Ken and Marsha Henry of Avilla; great-grandmother, Ellen Gamble of Corunna, and great-grandparents, Elmer and Iris Woodcox of Antwerp, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rickie Lee Hoover Jr.; grandparents, Clovis and Flora Hoover; a grandfather, Kenny Bolen; and great-grandfather, Loss Gamble.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Liberty Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Earl Rose and Pastor Billy Smith officiating.

Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Pallbearers will be Eddie Slone, Clovis Hoover, Brandon Hoover, Jacob Lortie, Harry Gamble Jr., and Brandon Garrison.

Honorary pallbearers will be Kevin Sizemore and Jerry Combs.

Calling will be from 4 p.m. today until the funeral service on Wednesday.

Memorials are to his family in care of Liberty Freewill Baptist Church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, go www.hitefuneralhome.com

Tammy Hills

EDON, Ohio — Tammy Marie Hills, 44, of rural Edon, Ohio, died at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, in her home after a two-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Hills

Mrs. Hills was a graduate of Edon High School. She began her working career as a welder at Kustom Fit of Ohio in Pioneer, where she worked for 11 years. She then left the work force and was a homemaker for the next 10 years.

She returned to work and was employed by Edon Northwest Schools as a custodian and kitchen aide. She also worked for Slattery Oil Co. as a cashier for one year. For the past six months she was the officer in charge for the Blakeslee Post Office.

She attended New Hope Community Church in Bryan, Ohio, and was active in a ladies Bible study in Edon called the Mary's.

She was born Feb. 9, 1962, in Bryan, Ohio, to Francis "Ed" and Ruth Marie (Sexton) Lovejoy. They survive in Montpelier, Ohio.

She married Bruce A. Hills on Sept. 29, 1990, in Melbern, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Amber and Matthew Farnham of Hamilton; three sons, Robert "Bert" Kissinger III, of Edon, Ohio, and Benjamin and Bowen Hills, both at home; one grandson, Garrett Farnham; one brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Cindy Lovejoy of Montpelier, Ohio; one sister, Tina McCrea of Bryan, Ohio; her maternal grandmother, Esther Sexton of Fayette, Ohio; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Charles and Shirley Spencer of Edon, Ohio; and three nieces. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Francis and Opal Lovejoy and Jackson Sexton.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, Ohio with Daniel Gallagher, minister, officiating. Private interment will be in Edon Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Northwest Christian Church, Edon, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent and a guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Lucille Carrico

AUBURN — Lucille Elmira Gnagy Carrico, 92, of Auburn died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at Community Hospital of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Carrico

She was born Oct. 13, 1914, in Somerset, Pa.

Her mother and father died in the flu epidemic of 1918, and she and her younger brother, Herb, were cared for by their grandparents and aunts.

She worked as a district manager for Whellan Photography Studios until she retired in 1977. Because of her numerous flights as a businesswoman on Delta Airlines, she was honored as "Orchid Lady" by the airline.

She has served in many charitable organizations, such as the Curiosity Shop, DeKalb Memorial Hospital and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Her hobbies included traveling and playing cards with friends.

She met and married Virgil Norman Carrico in 1939. He died in 1978.

Suriving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Pat Ewing and grandsons Jack and Eric, and Dr. Virgil Norman Carrico and his wife, Lois, and granddaughter Pam Miller; a sister, Carolyn Janet Gratigny; a grandson, Brian; a granddaughter, Terri; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Sandra Carrico, in 1984.

Private graveside services will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, will handle arrangements.

Memorials are to the Curiosity Shop or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Claude Marner

SHIPSHEWANA — Claude A. Marner, 55, of Shipshewana died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Marner

Mr. Marner had worked at Lake Park in Shipshewana for 12 years and was a newspaper carrier.

He was an avid fisherman.

Mr. Marner was born March 2, 1951, in Elkhart to J. Edward and Bertha (Beachy) Marner. His father is deceased and his mother survives in LaGrange.

He married Diane Hess on Jan. 27, 2000, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Amy Marner of Syracuse and Anne Marner of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Teresa Marner of Cromwell; a stepdaughter and her husband, Shiloh and Ray Ashby of Sebring, Fla.; three stepsons, Guy Leslie and his wife, Natalie, of Rochester, Stuart Leslie of Sebring and Shawn Spencer of Buffalo, N.Y.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Merlin Gingerich of Howe; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Perry and Betty Marner of LaGrange, Harold and Linda Marner of Elkhart and Ray and Gail Marner of Middlebury; and 11 grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, George Marner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Gene Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Lee Bowman

SOUTH WHITLEY — Lee H. Bowman, 56, of South Whitley died at 9:58 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health.

Mr. Bowman

Mr. Bowman was a master electrician. He had owned and operated Bowman Electric for many years and worked at Walkers in Ligonier for 10 years. He had also been employed for 19 years at Ford Motor Co. in Detroit.

He graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School and attended Purdue University. He was a member of the Sons of American Legion Post 246 in Albion and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

Mr. Bowman enjoyed Morgan horses and discussing politics and computers.

He was born June 15, 1950, in Kendallville to Merton and Donna Belle (Butler) Bowman. His father is deceased and his mother, Donna Belle Wehmeyer, survives in Albion.

He married Christine Mink on April 2, 2004. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffrey Bowman of Colorado; three stepdaughters, Kathleen Romanoski and her husband, Timothy, of Sanford, Fla., Andrea Tennant of Warsaw and Emily Tennant of North Webster; a sister, Pat Smith of Kendallville; his mother-in-law, Betty Mink of South Whitley; and nine grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Douglas Bowman.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at South Whitley Cemetery with the Rev. Ann Marshall of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion officiating.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Miller Chapel, in South Whitley is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors.*

George Lincoln

CHURUBUSCO — George Wendell Lincoln, 92, of Churubusco and formerly of Swan Township in Noble County died at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mr. Lincoln

Mr. Lincoln was a lifetime area resident.

He retired in 1976 with 30 years of service as a bridge construction superintendent for Reith & Riley. He had also farmed in Swan Township.

Mr. Lincoln was a 50-year member of Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM and a member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136.

He attended Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church near Churubusco and was a 39-year member of the Carpenters Union.

He was born Jan. 29, 1914, to George and Harriett (Zea) Lincoln. He married Velma Ferguson on Feb. 14, 1934, in Columbia City. She died Oct. 4, 1998.

Surviving are his children, Betty McHenry of Milford, Barbara Fritz of Fort Wayne, Billy Lincoln of Columbia City and David Lincoln of Edgerton, Ohio; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Larry Lincoln in 1941; two brothers, Dorrence Lincoln and Warren Lincoln; three sisters, Theora McBride, Fern Runyan and Alice Sesler; and a great-great-grandson.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

THE NEWS SUN
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Martha Wood

GARRETT — Martha M. Wood, 45, of Garrett died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at 10:07 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Wood

She worked at RISE Inc. in Angola for 25 years. She was a member of the Ashley Chapter of the Eastern Star and attended the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

She was born July 8, 1961, in Garrett to William H. and Martha (Feightner) Wood.

Surviving are her stepfather, Dave Miller of Garrett; a sister, Samme Johnson of Bowie, Md.; a nephew, Levi Johnson of Bowie; a niece, Emily Johnson of Bowie; a stepbrother, Karl R. Miller of Korea; and two stepsisters, Bonnie Miller and Laura Miller.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Martha Miller, and her father, William H. Wood.

Services will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. Howard Compton and the Rev. Blaine Feightner will officiate. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RISE Inc. of Angola or the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Fern Hankey

BUTLER — Fern Hankey, 87, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hankey worked for Commercial Shearing Co. in Butler for 16 years, retiring in 1988. She was a member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in rural Butler.

She was born June 13, 1919, in Napoleon, Mich., to Omer C. and Martha (Mason) Brown. They preceded her in death.

She married Vern Hankey on May 9, 1942, in the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church parsonage. He died in October 1969.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Earl Mullett of Butler, Martha Doub of Butler and Oleta and Larry Conklin of Muncie; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Kimberly Shultz and her husband, Dennis, Karen Hollman, Richard Mullett, Shelly Bontrager, Von Hudson, Carey Doub and Ingrid Tom and her husband, Mark; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Hirshel and Harold Brown, and two sisters, Helen Himminger and Pearl Standfield.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, with Dale Rabineau and the Rev. Barb Lloyd officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Whitney Sr.

AVILLA — Robert Edwin Whitney Sr., 75, of Avilla died at 2:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2006, at his home with his family by his side. He had been ill the last four years.

Mr. Whitney had moved to Avilla in 2000 from Enid, Okla. He retired from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of corporal. He served during the Korean War as a gunman in the anti-tank company. On Sept. 21, 1951, he was seriously wounded in the head and knee and awarded the Purple Heart for his injuries. He always remained proud of having served his country.

Mr. Whitney enjoyed collecting John Deere memorabilia and spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed reminiscing about the "good old days."

He was born March 31, 1931, in Harper, Kan., to Edwin K. and Neva L. (Dorsset) Whitney. He married Gladys Clarice Thomas on July 17, 1961, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She died July 21, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, Robert E. Whitney Jr. of Avilla and Morris H. Whitney; a daughter, Neva L. and Jimmy Slone; a daughter-in-law, Wilma Jean Whitney; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Betty Whitney; four grandchildren, Gladys Swihart, Paul D. Slone, Kevin R. Slone and Jessica L. Slone; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Darrell Whitney.

Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Faith Baptist Church in Attica, Kan., with the Rev. Bobby Franklin officiating. Burial will be in Ferguson Cemetery near Anthony, Kan.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel.

Memorials are to the family

Rose Funeral Home, Anthony Chapel, is in charge of Kansas arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Damon Freeman

CORUNNA — Damon "Dane" Joseph Freeman, 16, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at his home in Corunna.

Dane Freeman

He was a member of the Freedom to Worship Church of God in Altona. He enjoyed spending time with his friends, four-wheeling, hunting, fishing and going to church. He loved animals, especially his dogs Chico, Jackson and Seuss, and loved all of his friends.

He was born Feb. 14, 1990, in Auburn, to the Rev. Joseph and Lois (Ramsey) Freeman of Corunna. They survive.

Also surviving are five brothers, Jimmy Freeman of Wise, Va., Steve Freeman of Johnson City, Tenn., Ricky Freeman of Gainesville, Tenn., Jeff Freeman of Macon, Ga., and Dustin Ramsey of Auburn; a sister, Lora Abate of Big Stone Gap, Va.; 14 nieces and nephews from Virginia and Tennessee; six uncles and their spouses, Harold Ramsey and Barb Worm of Auburn, Ken Ramsey of Auburn, and Rufford Freeman, Barney and Norma Freeman, Darrell and Edna Freeman and Ralph and Wilma Freeman, all of Ohio; three aunts and their spouses, Christine Starnes of Ohio and Janette and Hubert Cooke and Doris and Tommy Wells of Tennessee; and many great-aunts, great-uncles and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and an uncle, Paul Freeman.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Darrell Brandenburg, the Rev. Bill Watkins, the Rev. Charles Witt, Brother Jerry Head and the Rev. Darrell Freeman will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn. Pallbearers will be Dustin, Harold, Jimmy, Steve, Austin, Karl, Zhon, Barney and Daniel.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Beverly Ranly

AVILLA — Beverly J. Ranly, 82, of Avilla and formerly of Fort Wayne died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Ranly

Mrs. Ranly had spent most of her life in Fort Wayne and moved to Avilla in 1994.

She was a homemaker, avid reader, and loved to crochet and knit.

Mrs. Ranly was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

She was born Oct. 22, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Hiriam and Lucille (White) Clark. She married Maurice P. Ranly Sr., in 1941 at the Precious Blood Catholic Church rectory. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Michael Ranly of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; a sister, Phyllis Ormes of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Mary Jo Ranly of Columbia City; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Maurice Ranly Jr.; and a brother, William Clark.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla with Father Daniel Leeuw, chaplain at Provena Sacred Heart Home, officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

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Dolores Moeller

READING, Mich. — Dolores Inez "Dollie" Moeller, 63, of Reading, Mich., died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mrs. Moeller was born Jan. 7, 1943, in Tulsa, Okla., to Louis and Zaida (North) Gondon. She married Gary A. Moeller in April 1970, and he survives.

She graduated from Peru University with a teaching degree in Spanish, and was a bank teller in Quincy, Mich., for many years. She later worked in Angola at Professional Federal Credit Union.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Michelle Moeller of Indianapolis; a son, John G. Moeller of Indianapolis; a sister, Helen Sawyer of Hillsdale, Mich.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Cathy Gondon of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the George White Funeral Home, Quincy. Calling will be Friday from 3 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials are to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Branch County, Mich. Humane Society or any other humane society.

Leonard Bayleat

SUMAS, Wash. — Leonard Bayleat, 86, of Sumas died at 5:25 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at Evergreen Health Care in Billingham, Wash.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Evelyn Diffendarfer

CHURUBUSCO — Evelyn Diffendarfer, 95, of Churubusco died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at her home following an extended illness.

Among her survivors are two daughters, Nancy Wright and Marna Perlich, both of Churubusco; and a son, John Diffendarfer of Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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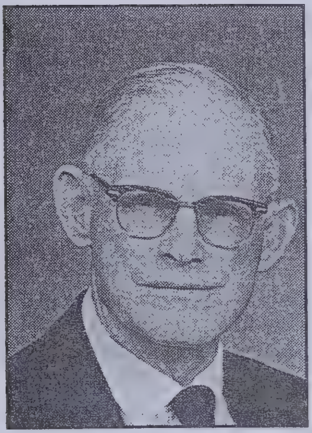

George Wendell Lincoln, 92

George Wendell Lincoln, 92, a resident of Churubusco and formerly of Swan Township in Noble County, died at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, November 13, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mr. Lincoln was born on January 29, 1914 to George Franklin and Harriett (Zea) Lincoln, and had lived in this area all of his life. His marriage took place in Columbia City on February 14, 1934 to Velma Ferguson.

He retired in 1976 as a bridge construction superintendent for Reith & Riley after 30 years, and was engaged in farming in Swan Township all of his adult life.

A 53 year member of Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM, he was also a member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, and was a 39 year member of the Carpenter's Union. He attended Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, near Churubusco.

Mrs. Lincoln preceded him in death on October 4, 1998.

The surviving relatives include his children Betty L. McHenry of Milford, Barbara E. Fritz of Fort Wayne, Billy Lynn Lincoln of Columbia City, and David Bruce Lincoln of Edgerton, Ohio; several grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by a son Larry Lincoln in 1941; two brothers Dorrence Lincoln and Warren Lincoln; three sisters Theora McBride, Fern Runyan, and Alice Sesler; and by a great-great-grandson.

Graveside services were held November 14, 2006 at the Eel River Cemetery. Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiated.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco took care of the arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

W.T. "Monty" Moncrief, 84

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - W.T. "Monty" Moncrief, 84, of Memphis, Tenn., died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006.

He was retired and was proud of being a decorated World War II Army veteran. He was a member of Merton Street Church of Christ.

He is survived by a son, Brandon Moncrief of Kimmell, Ind.; a sister, Louise Fitts; two brothers, Thomas and Bill Moncrief; two nieces, Cindy and Jennifer; and his caregivers, Paul A. and Mary E. Bullock.

Services were held November 12, 2006 at Merton Street Church of Christ High Point Chapel in Memphis, Tenn

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Neil Dick Cleland, 86

Neil Dick Cleland, 86, of North Manchester, died Saturday, November 4, 2006, at Peabody Healthcare, Peabody Retirement Community following an extended illness.

Mr. Cleland was born November 19, 1920, in Albion, and was the son of the late Allie and Alice Neill. The World War II Veteran served three and one half years in the Army.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys of North Manchester; a daughter, Marna (Ron) Morris of Churubusco; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Inez Marsh of Kendallville. He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

A memorial service will be conducted by Chaplain David Wentroble on Friday, November 17, at 2 p.m. at Peabody Chapel, North Manchester with calling one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to The Caring Circle at Peabody Retirement Community.

Condolences may be sent to: Gladys Cleland, #6 Maple Ct., North Manchester, IN 46942.

Kevin Eric Wait, 43

Kevin Eric Wait, 43, a resident of North Line Street Churubusco, Indiana died unexpectedly in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Wednesday November 8, 2006. He had most recently been working in construction, and had worked previously for Hitech Corporation, Kilgore Manufacturing, Dexter Axle, and Auburn Foundry as a Machinist and CNC Lathe Operator. He loved sports and outdoor activities, especially fishing.

Kevin was born March 28, 1963 in Columbia City a son of Roger C. and Ruth A. (Gilbert) Wait and was a 1981 graduate of Columbia City Joint High School.

Survivors include his mother Ruth Anna Wait, of Churubusco, IN, his father and step-mother Roger and Inara Wait of Columbia City, IN a brother Mike (Tina) Wait of Albion, IN a sister Mrs. Rick (Carol) Price, Etna Green, IN, a half brother Erik Wait, and a half sister Kristin Wait both of Dallas, Texas. Also 4 nephews, James E. Gibson, Etna Green, Corey and Cody Wait both of Albion, IN, Ethan Wait of Dallas and a niece Jennifer Gibson of South Whitley, IN.

Respecting Kevin's wishes, there will be no calling hours or services. Interment of the ashes will follow at a later date. For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association in Kevin's name. The arrangements have been entrusted to the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Indiana.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Lee Bowman, 56

SOUTH WHITLEY – Lee H. Bowman, 56, of South Whitley died at 9:58 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health.

He was born June 15, 1950 in Kendallville, a son of Merton H. and Donna Belle (Butler) Bowman. He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School and continued his education at Purdue University. After completing his education, he resided in Detroit for 19 years before returning to Albion.

A master electrician, he owned & operated Bowman Electric for many years, worked at Walkers in Ligonier for 10 years and Ford Company in Detroit for many years.

On April 2, 2004 he was united in marriage to Christine L. Mink. They have always made their home south of South Whitley.

His memberships include Sons of the American Legion Post #246 in Albion and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. He enjoyed Morgan Horses and discussing politics and computers.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Chris; a son, Jeffrey Bowman of Colorado; three step-daughters, Kathleen (Timothy) Romanoski of Sanford, Florida, Andrea Tennant of Warsaw and Emily Tennant of North Webster; nine grandchildren; his mother, Donna Belle Wehmeyer of Albion; a sister, Pat Smith of Kendallville; and his mother-in-law, Betty Mink of South Whitley.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Bowman.

A graveside service was held Thursday, November 16, 2006, at South Whitley Cemetery with Rev. Ann Marshall, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, officiating.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to American Legion Post #246.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Cody Hoover, 18

Cody Hoover, 18, died on Sunday, November 12, 2006 in Kendallville.

Cody was born in Kendallville on May 14, 1988 to Rickie Lee and Lori Kay (Woodcox) Hoover.

He attended Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville and enjoyed weightlifting, fishing, boxing and listening to his favorite music.

Survivors include his parents, Rickie and Lori Hoover of LaGrange; 2 brothers Jake Lortie of LaGrange and Jeremy Hoover of Fort Wayne. 4 sisters Jessica and Christin Hoover both of LaGrange; Melanie Hoover of Kendallville, and Haley Hoover of Fort Wayne. Paternal grandparents, Harry "Pinky" and Diane Gamble of Wolcottville; Maternal grandparents, John and Nancy Woodcox of Kendallville. Great grandparents, Ellen Gamble of Corunna, Elmer and Iris Woodcox of Antwerp, Ohio, Lydia Bolen of Kendallville and Ken and Marsha Henry of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rickie Lee Hoover, Jr.; a great grandfather, Loss Gamble, grandparents, Clovis and Flora Hoover and grandfather, Kenny Bolen.

Funeral services were held November 15, 2006 at the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the arrangements made by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville. The Pastors Earl Rose and Billy Smith officiated. Burial was held at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, Indiana.

Casketbearers were: Eddie Slone, Clovis Hoover, Brandon Hoover, Harry Gamble, Jr., and Brandon Garrison along with honorary casketbearers Kevin Sizemore and Jerry Combs.

Preferred memorials may be made to his family in care of the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Robert Adkins, 72

Robert Adkins, age 72, 920 East Tipton Street, Huntington, died Tuesday (November 7, 2006) at 7:00 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Mr. Adkins retired after 30 years with International Harvester in Ft. Wayne. He also managed Doc"s Hardware Store in Albion, IN for 10 years.

Robert was a resident of Huntington for the past three years and had lived in Albion, IN prior to that for 25 years.

He graduated from Haviland High School in Haviland, Ohio.

Robert served in the Korean War with the United States Army.

Mr. Adkins was born February 25, 1934 in Oak Hill Ohio, to James and Mary Hazel (Kuhn) Adkins. He married Gloria J. Wilson on September 10, 1976 in Huntington.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Gloria J. Adkins of Huntington; 1 son: Robert Adkins, Jr. of Ft. Wayne, IN; 2 daughters: Kristina (Harrison) Combs of Ft. Wayne, IN and Carol Ann (Larry) McGee of Granite City, Illinois; 2 stepsons: Terry Beekman of Traverse City, Michigan and Steve Beekman of Columbia City, IN; 5 stepdaughters: Gail (Mike) Baum of Roanoke, IN, Rhonda (Greg) Kenline of Albion, IN, Kay (Terry) Pfister of Huntington, IN, Pam (John) Green of South Bend, IN and Missie (Brad) Tempest of Columbus, IN; 2 sisters: Delores Smith of Muncy, Pennsylvania and Elizabeth Yearwood of Fort Wayne, IN. 23 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. 3 half brothers: James Adkins of Sycamore, Ohio, David Adkins of Bucyrus, Ohio and Bob Adkins of Oak Hill, Ohio. 2 half sisters: Susan (Don) Nichols of Jackson, Ohio and Cathy Brown of Oak Hill, Ohio, also survive.

Preceding him in death were 2 sons Rick Adkins and Tony Adkins and 2 daughters Brenda Martin and Susie Adkins.

Funeral services were held November 11, 2006 at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington. Pastor Russell Buzzard officiated. Burial took place at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Huntington with military graveside rites performed by the V.F.W. Post #2689.

Memorials should be sent to the American Lung Association, V.F.W. Post #2689 Color Guard or to the Huntington County Humane Shelter in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

Condolences may be sent via e-mail at: www.baileylove.com.

Lela Hogan, 93

AUBURN — Lela Mabel Hogan, 93, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at Wesley Health Care of Auburn.

She was a homemaker.

She was born May 25, 1913, in Mae, Ohio, to David and Ina (Sponhower) Ridenour.

On Aug. 24, 1933, she married Lewis Franklin Hogan. He died Jan. 30, 1979.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Hogan of Angola, Russel Hogan of Kendallville and Darl Hogan of Nevada; four daughters, Margaret Gonzalez Bishop of Auburn, Patricia Park of Angola, Wilma Searfoss of Leesburg and Virginia Hansen of Albion; a sister, Alice Irene Leslie of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 34 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; a son, Larry Hogan; four sisters; four brothers; and one great-grandson.

Services were held November 14, 2006 at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Cedar St., Auburn. The Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

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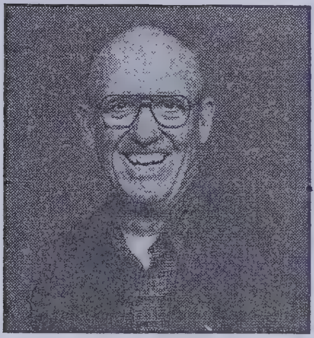

Ruben C. Butler, Jr., 83

Ruben C. Butler, Jr., 83, a resident of Columbia City and formerly of Lake Township in Allen County, died at 1:55 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient at the hospital for the past three weeks.

Mr. Butler was born in Payne, Ohio on August 8, 1923, a son of Ruben Clyde, Sr. and Veronica Elizabeth (Ness) Butler, and spent his formative years in Whitley and Allen Counties as a youth. The family moved to a farm in lake Township in 1938, where he resided until moving to Columbia City in 2001.

As a young man he served with the U.S. Army during World War II and also during the Korean Conflict. He was a self-employed plasterer, and was engaged in farming in Lake Township all of his adult life, retiring in 1989.

A member of the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, he will long be remembered as the church's official "greeter." He was also a member of the Arcola Lions Club, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, Harmony Lodge 19 IOOF, served as the Odd Fellows treasurer, and was a past Noble Grand and past District Deputy Grand Master of the lodge. In his leisure time he greatly enjoyed hunting and fishing.

The surviving relatives include his sister Fae Carter of Columbia City; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters Edna Mae Sherman and Freada Sutorius; and by two brothers Jesse Earl Butler and John Fredrick Butler.

Funeral services were held November 13, 2006 at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam. Pastor George Cecil officiated.

Harmony Lodge 19 IOOF conduted a memorial service on November 12, 2006 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Interment with military graveside rites took place at Fairview Cemetery, northwest of Huntertown.

For those who wish, memorials should be directed to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

Condolencces may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Bill R. Childers, 54

Bill R. Childers, 54, of Albion, IN, died Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the residence of his parents after a long battle with lung cancer.

Mr. Childers was born February 5, 1952 in Garrett, Kentucky the son of Edsel and Catherine (Cox) Childers. Both parents survive.

He was a 1970 graduate of Central Noble Senior High School and was a member of Gospel Lighthouse. Bill enjoyed his family, especially his grandchhildren, yard work, gardening and tinkering on cars.

Surviving along with his parents Edsel and Catherine Childers are 3 daughters: Jodi (David) Helmer of Ft. Wayne, Jamey (Michael) Brokaw of Middlebury, IN and Samantha Childers of Rogers, ARK. 4 grandchildren: Corey Kiser, Makenna Brokaw, Bailee and Addison Helmer. 1 brother Robert (Kathy) Childers of Leo, IN.

Services were held November 11, 2006 at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel. Rev. Carter Hicks officiated. Burial took place at Rehoboth Cemetery in Albion, IN

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Parkview Hospice of American Cancer Society.

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Janet Clark, 45

ROME CITY — Janet Elaine Clark, 45, of Rome City died at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at her residence. She had been ill since August of 2005.

She was a homemaker and had done some modeling at one time. She enjoyed gardening and garage sales, and she was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church.

A veteran, she was a member of the Indiana Air National Guard from 1991 to 2000 and had served in Kuwait in 1997 as a senior airman. She enjoyed her time in the military service.

She was born Sept. 25, 1961, in Fort Wayne to James and Marie C. (Bell) Morton. She was a 1980 graduate of Angola High School.

Surviving are two daughters, Christina Snyder and her husband Jason of Columbia City, and Rebecca Leins and her fiance, Josh Johnson, of Columbia City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Seth and Jessica Leins of Wawaka and Dakota Behrer, at home; four grandchildren, Dalton Snyder, Corbin Snyder, Connor Leins and Ashley Johnson; her mother, Marie C. Morton of Angola; two sisters, Mary Jetmore of Helmer and Lisa Eastwood of Hopewell, Va.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Lesia Morton of Kendallville.

Preceding her in death was her father, James Morton, in 1988.

Services were held November 14, 2006 at the Rome City United Methodist Church. The Rev. Michael McKinney officiated. Burial took place in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Memorials are for the care of her son, Dakota Behrer, in care of Frank Morton.

Pallbearers will be Seth Leins, Jason Snyder, Josh Johnson, Matt Morton, Nate Healey and Jeff Bell

Paul Jennings, 88

AUBURN - Paul Eugene Jennings, 88, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Jennings was a farmer in Wilmington Township. He worked at the Auburn Rubber Co. and was a supervisor at Cooper Industrial Products, retiring in 1984 after 24 years of service.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps, and was a life member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566, where he held every degree of the lodge including The Pilgrim's Degree.

He was born July 6, 1918, in Butler to Russell L. and Ruby H. (Platt) Jennings. They preceded him in death.

He married Joyce Warren on July 14, 1945, in Lime Ridge, Wis. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Roger and Beverly Jennings of Wilmore, Ky., Ronald Jennings of Tucson, Ariz., Rodrick and Pamela Jennings of Romeoville, Ill., and Rex Jennings of Romeoville, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Roseanne and Kevin Fahlsing of Avilla; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Phyllis Jennings of Edgerton, Ohio; and three sisters, Maxine Sanders and Margaret Sanders, both of Edgerton, Ohio, and Wilma Jean Armstrong of Butler.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Amelia Anne Jennings and Dawn Marie Fahlsing; a brother, Richard Jennings; and a sister, Evelyn Gift.

Services were held November 11, 2006 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial took place at Farnam Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97.

Memorials are to Mooseheart.

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November 16 2006, Thursday

Evelyn Diffendarfer

Mrs. Diffendarfer

CHURUBUSCO — Evelyn L. Diffendarfer, 95, of Churubusco died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at her home. She had been in declining health for some time and seriously ill since August.

Mrs. Diffendarfer had lived in Churubusco the past 65 years. She had been employed by the former Tri-County Truth in Churubusco and Blue Bell in Columbia City.

She spent her formative years in Noble County and was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

Mrs. Diffendarfer was a member of Churubuso United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school and volunteered in the office.

She was born April 30, 1911, in Green Township, Noble County, to John and Alice (Wright) Strouse. She married Jesse Diffendarfer on May 26, 1934. He died March 8, 1992.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy Wright and Marna and Kerry Perlich, all of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Felicia Diffendarfer of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Lea and Gary Norris, Christa and Brad Arrowsmith, Nancy and Dallas Nestel, Lance and Holly Diffendarfer, Holly Wright, Jeff and Amy Perlich, Jamie and Melanie Perlich and John and Angie Perlich; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Eva Shively; and three brothers, Guy Strouse, Verl Strouse and Ford Strouse.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m, today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Public Library, Churubusco United Methodist Church Children's Department or the Churubusco Community Park.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Dorothy Shafer

Mrs. Shafer

GARRETT — Dorothy I. Shafer, 91, of Garrett died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

She was born May 19, 1915, in Kendallville to Charles H. and Vina (Smith) Greenwalt.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1934 and had lived in Garrett since 1935.

On Nov. 23, 1935, in Kendallville, she married Ora Davis. He preceded her in death in 1963. The couple owned the Central Market in Garrett from 1950 to 1965 and Cox Meat Market in Kendallville until 1965. She also was an instructor at Fort Wayne Beauty College for five years. She owned and operated Dorothy's House of Beauty in Garrett from 1961 to 1976.

She married Warren Hawley in 1967. He died in 1973. She then married Lee Shafer on Dec. 3, 1976. He died in 1996.

Mrs. Shafer was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and the Harvest House.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Davis and Jack and Joyce Davis, all of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Roger Stafford, also of Garrett; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, a sister and a grandson also preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Garrett with Pastor David Mix and Pastor Art Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
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Barbara Holt

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara Holt, 61, of Kendallville died at 6 a.m. today, Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Patrick Sheley

TUCSON, Ariz. — Patrick Sheley, 77, of Tucson died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2006, following a brief illness.

Mr. Sheley had moved to Arizona in 1998 from Kendallville.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1970. He served in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. While in Vietnam, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star medal for heroism.

Mr. Sheley was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Posts in Kendallville and Sierra Vista, Ariz.

He was a member of the Saint Francis DeSales congregation in Tucson and the Saint Andrews Church in Sierra Vista.

Mr. Sheley love playing golf, reading, watching Westerns and traveling around the country to visit friends and family members.

He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was born April 16, 1929, in Ligonier to Alfred and Roxie Sheley. He married Chi Yon Yun in 1969. She died in 2001.

Surviving are his children, Michael and Peggy Sheley of Houston, Texas, Lee and Patty Sheley of Sierra Vista, Sally and Robert Taylor of Clinton, Utah, Carole and Kelly Gubler of North Salt Lake City, Utah, Kim and Rachel Sheley of Seattle, Wash., Kathleen Sheley of South Bend and Hyon Suk Oh of Seoul, Korea; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy Lambright, Linda and Robert Heltzel and Joyce Allen, all of northern Indiana; a brother and sister-in-law, Alfred Jr. and Margaret Sheley of northern Indiana; 24 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nieces, Carmen Sheley and Teresa Heltzel of northern Indiana; and a great-niece, Peyton Heltzel of northern Indiana.

Services are in Tucson.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, 2929 S. 48th St., Tempe, AZ 85282.

Bring's Broadway Chapel in Tucson is in charge of arrangements.

Sondra Distelrath

Mrs. Distelrath

HUNTERTOWN — Sondra Lou Distelrath, 63, of Huntertown died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Distelrath had worked in purchasing for Three Rivers Beverage and Alco Distributing since 1984.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, better known as "Sweetie" to all who knew her, she was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. She was a proud owner of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and loved to enter it in bike shows.

Surviving are her husband of 36 years, Robert Distelrath; her mother, Luella King of Garrett; two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Steven Blaising of Indianapolis and Lisa Grabner of Fort Wayne; a son, Jeremy F. Distelrath of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and two dogs that loved her.

Her father, Lester H. King, preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
November 16, 2006, Thursday

Claude Marner

SHIPSHEWANA — Claude A. Marner, 55, of Shipshewana died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Marner

Mr. Marner had worked at Lake Park in Shipshewana for 12 years and was a newspaper carrier.

He was an avid fisherman.

Mr. Marner was born March 2, 1951, in Elkhart to J. Edward and Bertha (Beachy) Marner. His father is deceased and his mother survives in LaGrange.

He married Diane Hess on Jan. 27, 2000, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Amy Marner of Syracuse and Anne Marner of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Teresa Marner of Cromwell; a stepdaughter and her husband, Shiloh and Ray Ashby of Sebring, Fla.; three stepsons, Guy Leslie and his wife, Natalie, of Rochester, Stuart Leslie of Sebring and Shawn Spencer of Buffalo, N.Y.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Merlin Gingerich of Howe; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Perry and Betty Marner of LaGrange, Harold and Linda Marner of Elkhart and Ray and Gail Marner of Middlebury; and 11 grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, George Marner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Gene Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Mae Bailey

LIGONIER — Mae S. Bailey, 91, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Bailey was a lifetime area resident. She had worked for Essex Wire in Ligonier as a press operator for more than 17 years.

She enjoyed working puzzles and watching TV.

Mrs. Bailey was born May 24, 1915, in Noble County to Hugh and Bessie (Grubb) Hickman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Schuyler Bailey, on July 31, 1973.

Surviving are five children, Harold and Carla Bailey of Ligonier, Rex Bailey of Wawaka, Edward and Julie Ann Bailey of Florida, Ronald Bailey of Alabama and Linda Robinson of Wolf Lake; a brother, Hugh Hickman Jr. of Albion; a sister, Martha Mansfield of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Richard A. and David L.

Services were held Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Paul Bailey officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery near Ligonier.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
November 16, 2006, Thursday

Patrick Sheley

TUCSON, Ariz. — Patrick Sheley, 77, of Tucson died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2006, following a brief illness.

Mr. Sheley had moved to Arizona in 1998 from Kendallville.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1970. He served in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. While in Vietnam, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star medal for heroism.

Mr. Sheley was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Posts in Kendallville and Sierra Vista, Ariz.

He was a member of the Saint Francis DeSales congregation in Tucson and the Saint Andrews Church in Sierra Vista.

Mr. Sheley love playing golf, reading, watching Westerns and traveling around the country to visit friends and family members.

He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was born April 16, 1929, in Ligonier to Alfred and Roxie Sheley. He married Chi Yon Yun in 1969. She died in 2001.

Surviving are his children, Michael and Peggy Sheley of Houston, Texas, Lee and Patty Sheley of Sierra Vista, Sally and Robert Taylor of Clinton, Utah, Carole and Kelly Gubler of North Salt Lake City, Utah, Kim and Rachel Sheley of Seattle, Wash., Kathleen Sheley of South Bend and Hyon Suk Oh of Seoul, Korea; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy Lambright, Linda and Robert Heltzel and Joyce Allen, all of northern Indiana; a brother and sister-in-law, Alfred Jr. and Margaret Sheley of northern Indiana; 24 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nieces, Carmen Sheley and Teresa Heltzel, both of northern Indiana; and a great-niece, Peyton Heltzel of northern Indiana.

Services are in Tucson.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, 2929 S. 48th St., Tempe, AZ 85282.

Bring's Broadway Chapel in Tucson is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 17 2006, Friday

Mother held in children's deaths

ELKHART (AP) — The mother of four young children found dead in their home was arrested Thursday for their deaths, police said.

Angelica Alvarez remained hospitalized two days after she was found unconscious with the children in the basement of their home, police Capt. Steven Mock said.

He did not give any details on how investigators believe she killed the two girls and two boys, ages 2 to 8. Autopsies determined they died of asphyxia.

Mock said Alvarez, 27, was in custody at Elkhart General Hospital. He would not give details on her injuries, but said she was expected to survive.

"I know she's improving," he said.

Alvarez's husband found her and the four children — Jennifer Lopez, 8, Gonzalo Lopez, 6, Daniel Valdez, 4, and Jessica Valdez, 2 — when he returned home Tuesday night. The four children were pronounced dead at the scene.

Alvarez was hospitalized in critical condition Wednesday, but Mock said

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An undated church directory photo shows Fernando Valdez, his wife Angelica Alvarez, Daniel Valdez, 4, left; Jessica Valdez, 2, seated in her mother's lap; Jennifer Lopez, 8 and Gonzolo Lopez, 6. The four children were found dead Tuesday and Angelica Alvarez remains hospitalized after Fernando Valdez called 911 and reported the deaths.

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Thursday he did not know an updated condition. A hospital spokeswoman said she could not give out any information.

Mock would only say during a brief news conference that detectives made the decision to arrest Alvarez after an extensive investigation.

"Details, including physical evidence, leading to this probable cause arrest will not be answered," he said.

Bill Wargo, chief investigator for the Elkhart County prosecutor's office, said a magistrate was expected to review the case on Friday to determine whether investigators had probable cause to keep Alvarez in custody.

The prosecutor's office would then have until Wednesday to decide on formal charges, he said.

William Kleckner

BRISTOL — William C. "The White Knight" Kleckner, 72, of Bristol, died at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at Courtyard of Goshen. He had been in declining health.

Mr. Kleckner had lived in the Bristol area since 1937 and had been self-employed with Kleckner Painting.

Mr. Kleckner

He was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Kleckner was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Monroeville Conservation Club, Bristol American Legion Post 143 and the Elkhart Disabled American Veterans No. 19.

He was born Sept. 25, 1934, in Monroe to Chester and Laura (Birch) Kleckner. He married Jelon Sue Buchtel on Nov. 16, 1954, in Bristol. She died Oct. 16, 1987.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, William Kleckner of St. Charles, Mo., Edward and Jo Ann Kleckner and Scott Kleckner, all of Bristol, and James and Bobbi Kleckner of Middlebury; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Norman Kleckner and Ronald and Sandy Kleckner, all of Bristol, and David and Vivian Kleckner of Gulf Port, Miss.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Thelma McKindric and Patricia Hemphill; and four brothers, Robert Kleckner, infant James Kleckner, James Kleckner and Thomas Kleckner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bristol with Father Robert Van Kempen officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Luanne Piggott

WAWAKA — Luanne Piggott, 55, of Wawaka died at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Gerald Fleck

FORT WAYNE — Gerald R. Fleck, 82, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a machinist with Mobile Aerial Towers for 17 years, retiring in 1982. He also worked for the Herald-Republican in Angola for seven years.

He was a former member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and a recent member of St. Therese Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Fleck of Fort Wayne; three sons, David A., Terry L. and Randall J. Fleck, all of Fort Wayne; six daughters, Carol A. Moran and Julie D. Fleck of Fort Wayne, Karen S. Lee of Goshen, Joan M. Simental of Kapaa, Hawaii, Jacqueline Y. Hajkowski of Edgewater, Md., and Angela S. Fleck of North Hollywood, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be two hours prior to services at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

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Otis Patterson

MONROEVILLE — Otis L. "Junior" Patterson, 81, of Monroeville died Thusday, Nov. 16, 2006, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Patterson

He had lived in Monroeville since 1945, and retired from farming in 1995.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post No. 420 in Monroeville.

He was born April 4, 1925, in Mount Clemens, Mich., to Otis L. and Elizabeth J. (Bellor) Patterson. On Aug. 9, 1947, in Fort Wayne he married Margaret H. "Marge" Angus, and she preceded him in death on July 29, 1991. Three brothers, Patrick, Kenneth and Ed Patterson, and two sisters, June Louise Patterson and Edith Burke, are also deceased.

Surviving are three sons and their wives, John L. and Kaye Patterson of Pleasant Lake, Jim E. and Jean Patterson of Monroeville and Jody L. and Molly Barrand of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Patricia G. McFeeters of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Richard H. Listenberger of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Violet Strandberg of Jackson, Mich., Charlotte Heath of New Baltimore, Mich., Arlene Lewis of Fraser, Mich., and Mary Smith of Fortson, Ga.; a brother, George Deisz of New Baltimore, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, with the Rev. Janet Luchs officiating.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne. Memorials are to the Monroeville Emergency Medical Service. For condolences or to sign a guestbook, visit www.zwickjahn.com.

Joan Donat

WATERLOO — Joan Carol Donat, 76, of Waterloo died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Donat

Mrs. Donat was a homemaker and a member of the Country Charm Homemakers Club in Waterloo. She was a Girl Scout leader and a Cub Scout den mother. Her hobbies included bowling, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

She married Herbert Donat on Dec. 30, 1961, in Waterloo. He survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary R. Hurd of Fort Wayne and Troy L. and Carla Donat of Waterloo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra K. and Jay Kern of Waterloo, Karen E. and Randy Morton of Auburn and Christine L. and Mark Gibson of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Alfred and Jeannie Days of Corunna; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jacqueline Smith of Fort Wayne and Silene "Sally" and Doug Cheek of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Jacob R. Kern, Stephanie K. Kern, Kara L. Kern, Rachel N. Gibson, Lynsie L. Gibson, Erica L. Gibson, Isaac M. Gibson, Audrey G. Donat and Luke L. Donat; one great-grandchild, J.J. Garman; and many nieces and nephews.

Her parents, Edson and Mabel (Grear) Days, preceded her in death.

She married her first husband, Richard Hurd, on Jan. 6, 1951. He died Sept. 21, 1956.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Robert Days and Max Days; five sisters, Vivian Myers, Zidiana Brindle, Georgia Quinonez, Dorothy Wilder and Barbara Stout; and one niece, Glenda Shank.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana University School of Medicine Center of Alzheimer's Research.

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Orville Long

ROCHESTER — Orville E. Long, 85, a native of Rochester, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at 9:40 p.m., in the Blake Medical Center in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Long began his employment with Fruehauf Trailer in Fort Wayne, transferring to Detroit, Mich., in 1963 and to Bradenton, Fla., in 1978. He formerly managed and owned the Pelican Pier Mobile Home Park in Ellenton, Fla. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Indiana University.

He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Sahib Shrine Temple of Sarasota, Fla., the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1511 of Bradenton and Fruehauf's President's Club and was a Kentucky Colonel. He was an avid fisherman and boater.

He was born May 27, 1921, in Rochester to Jay and Mary (Peterson) Long.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca; a son and daughter-in-law, James O. and Kimiko Long of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Patricia Miller of Auburn; four grandchildren, Kelly Hunnicutt, Greg S. Miller, Michiko Crowell and Kimiko Kovacs; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Erma Coplin of Rochester and Carol Azbell of North Vernon; and a brother, Harold Long of Pontiac, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Madeline (Chapman) Long.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. The Rev. Dr. C. James Cress, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, will officiate. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Palma Sola Harbor Condominium Memorial Fund, Bradenton, Fla.

Condolences may be sent at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Holt

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara Holt, 61, of Kendallville died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at her home.

She was employed with Millineum Industries in Ligonier and attended the Vinyard Christian Fellowship in Rome City.

Mrs. Holt

Mrs. Holt was born in Auburn on June 18, 1945, to Harlan and Pearl Irene (Watson) Clark. She married William Joe Holt on Jan. 3, 1967, in Florence, Ala., and he preceded her death Oct. 12.

Surviving are a daughter, Joetta Holt and her fiance, Max Sargent, of Kendallville; a grandson, Tony Patrick of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Shanoa Patrick of Kendallville; and a sister-in-law, Judy Cooley of Ligioner.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Jamie Holt; an infant daughter, Ann Margaret Holt; and a brother, Chuck Cooley.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Cromwell Crossroads Cemetery in Lutts, Tenn.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a funeral service at 6 p.m. with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating the service.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Patrick Sheley

TUCSON, Ariz. — Patrick Sheley, 77, of Tucson died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, following a brief illness.

Mr. Sheley had moved to Arizona in 1998 from Kendallville.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1970. He served in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. While in Vietnam, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star medal for heroism.

Mr. Sheley was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Posts in Kendallville and Sierra Vista, Ariz.

He was a member of the Saint Francis DeSales congregation in Tucson and the Saint Andrews Church in Sierra Vista.

Mr. Sheley love playing golf, reading, watching Westerns and traveling around the country to visit friends and family members.

He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was born April 16, 1929, in Ligonier to Alfred and Roxie Sheley. He married Chi Yon Yun in 1969. She died in 2001.

Surviving are his children, Michael and Peggy Sheley of Houston, Texas, Lee and Patty Sheley of Sierra Vista, Sally and Robert Taylor of Clinton, Utah, Carole and Kelly Gubler of North Salt Lake City, Utah, Kim and Rachel Sheley of Seattle, Wash., Kathleen Sheley of South Bend and Hyon Suk Oh of Seoul, Korea; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy Lambright, Linda and Robert Heltzel and Joyce Allen, all of northern Indiana; a brother and sister-in-law, Alfred Jr. and Margaret Sheley of northern Indiana; 24 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nieces, Carmen Sheley and Teresa Heltzel of northern Indiana; and a great-niece, Peyton Heltzel of northern Indiana.

Services are in Tucson.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, 2929 S. 48th St., Tempe, AZ 85282.

Bring's Broadway Chapel in Tucson is in charge of arrangements.

John Green

ANGOLA — John Kent Green, 63, of Angola died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the former owner of Lakeside Market at Lake James and also worked at Metaldyne Industries in Fremont.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam. He was a member of the St. Bernard Club of America, Maumee Valley St. Bernard Club and Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club. John loved to show St. Bernard dogs.

Survivors include his wife, Janice of Angola; stepsons, Noel Scott Snyder of Little Rock, Ark., Phillip Kevin Snyder of Guntersville, Ala. and Paul Furniss of Angola; a sister, Jackie Frederick of Fort Wayne; and a niece, Casey Gardner of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Cleo Green.

Services will be held today from noon to 5 p.m. at the home of John and Bobbie Sue McLaughlin, 3390 W. C.R. 100N, Angola.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Barbara Goodnough

ANGOLA — Barbara C. Goodnough, 81, of Angola, who lived at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and formerly of Campton, N.H., died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Goodnough was born July 1, 1925, in New York to John and Alice (Maguire) Connor. She graduated from Miami University of Ohio in 1948.

A year after graduating, she joined the Air Force Service Clubs and served in Japan during the Korean War. She was a military spouse and lived in many parts of the United States and Alaska before settling in Campton. She lived in the Campton area for 27 years, where she was a speech pathologist. She also lived in Winter Haven, Fla., for six years before moving to Angola in 2005.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Michael Bouwman of Fremont, Leigh and Anthony Komornick of Atkinson, N.H., Gail and Eric Newton of Aurora, Ill.; and five grandchildren; Andrew, Kelly and Julie Bouwman and Gregory and Michael Komornick.

Her parents and her son, Mark, preceded her in death.

Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Thornton, N.H., at a later date. Arrangements were by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, Fort Wayne.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct a typographical error. We apologize for the error.*

Joan Donat

WATERLOO — Joan Coral Donat, 76, of Waterloo died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Donat was a homemaker and a member of the Country Charm Homemakers Club in Waterloo. She was a Girl Scout leader and a Cub Scout den mother. Her hobbies included bowling, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Donat

She married Herbert Donat on Dec. 30, 1961, in Waterloo. He survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary R. Hurd of Fort Wayne and Troy L. and Carla Donat of Waterloo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra K. and Jay Kern of Waterloo, Karen E. and Randy Morton of Auburn and Christine L. and Mark Gibson of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Alfred and Jeannie Days of Corunna; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jacqueline Smith of Fort Wayne and Silene "Sally" and Doug Cheek of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Jacob R. Kern, Stephanie K. Kern, Kara L. Kern, Rachel N. Gibson, Lynsie L. Gibson, Erica L. Gibson, Isaac M. Gibson, Audrey G. Donat and Luke L. Donat; one great-grandchlld, J.J. Garman; and many nieces and nephews.

Her parents, Edson and Mabel (Grear) Days, preceded her in death.

She married her first husband, Richard Hurd, on Jan. 6, 1951. He died Sept. 21, 1956.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Robert Days and Max Days; five sisters, Vivian Myers, Zidiana Brindle, Georgia Quinonez, Dorothy Wilder and Barbara Stout; and one niece, Glenda Shank.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana University School of Medicine Center of Alzheimer's Research.

Harvey Carper

FORT WAYNE — Harvey B. Carper, 84, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Dekalb County, he retired from General Electric Co. in 1984 with 41 years of service and was a charter member of the Cedar Creek Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel I. Carper of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly Buckler of Marion, Karen and Don Noragon of Waterloo and Nancy Carper of Leo; a son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Deb Carper of Leo; six grandchildren, Christina Carteaux, Cady Prindle, Rick Garman, Robin Towle, Shannon Lincoln and Chad Buckler; 14 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Wayne Carper of Ashley.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Norma Carper; a brother, Stanley Carper; and a sister, Carol Stepp.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Pastor Mike Kjergaard and the Rev. Ron Collens will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of Christ.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 18, 2006, Saturday

Merlin Fair

BRONSON, Mich. — Merlin Fair, 90, of Bronson, Mich., died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Fair was born June 27, 1916, in Branch County, Mich. to Aden and Nettie (Imhoff) Fair. He was a lifelong Branch County resident. On April 24, 1937, he married Willowdean Young in LaGrange. She preceded him in death in 2002.

He was a lifelong farmer and a member of the Branch County Farm Bureau for over 60 years. He enjoyed gardening and visiting at the former Branch County Stockyard and restaurant.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Herbert and Linda Fair of Three Rivers, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Aden Wayne Fair; five brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bronson.

Memorials are to Pleasant Hill Missionary Church.

Online condolences can be left at www.kolcz.com.

Lu Anne Piggott

WAWAKA — Lu Anne Piggott, 55, of Wawaka died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Piggott was born April 26, 1951, in Goshen to Larry and Lolita (Powell) McKibben. She was married to Gerald A. "Bill" Piggott on May 20, 1972, and he survives.

She was a lifetime resident of the Wawaka area. She was a homemaker and a member of Wawaka United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed collecting coins, pictures and angels.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, D. Pete and Marcy Piggott of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Brandon Johnson of Spring Lake, N.C.; her mother in Middlebury; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Caroline McKibben and Louis and Diane McKibben, all of Goshen; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda Mabie of Crestview, Fla. and Larraine and Freeman Miller of Shipshewana; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jim Robbins officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery, Ligonier.

Donald Stephens

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald D. Stephens, 70, of Columbia City died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stephens was born Oct. 22, 1936, in Huntington to Paul and Opal (Kunce) Stephens. He married Helen Waterson in Whitley County on Aug. 16, 1992. She survives.

He was a truck driver until 1979. He then worked as property manager for County Square Estates in Columbia City.

Also surviving are a son, David Stephens of Huntington; a daughter, Donna Stephens of Huntington; three brothers, Paul Stephens Jr. of Newburg, W.V., Gene Stephens of Indianapolis and Roger Stephens of Eloy, Ariz.; a sister, Sandra "Sue" Boggs of Huntington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Stephens.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements are being handled by David Funeral Home, Kendallville.

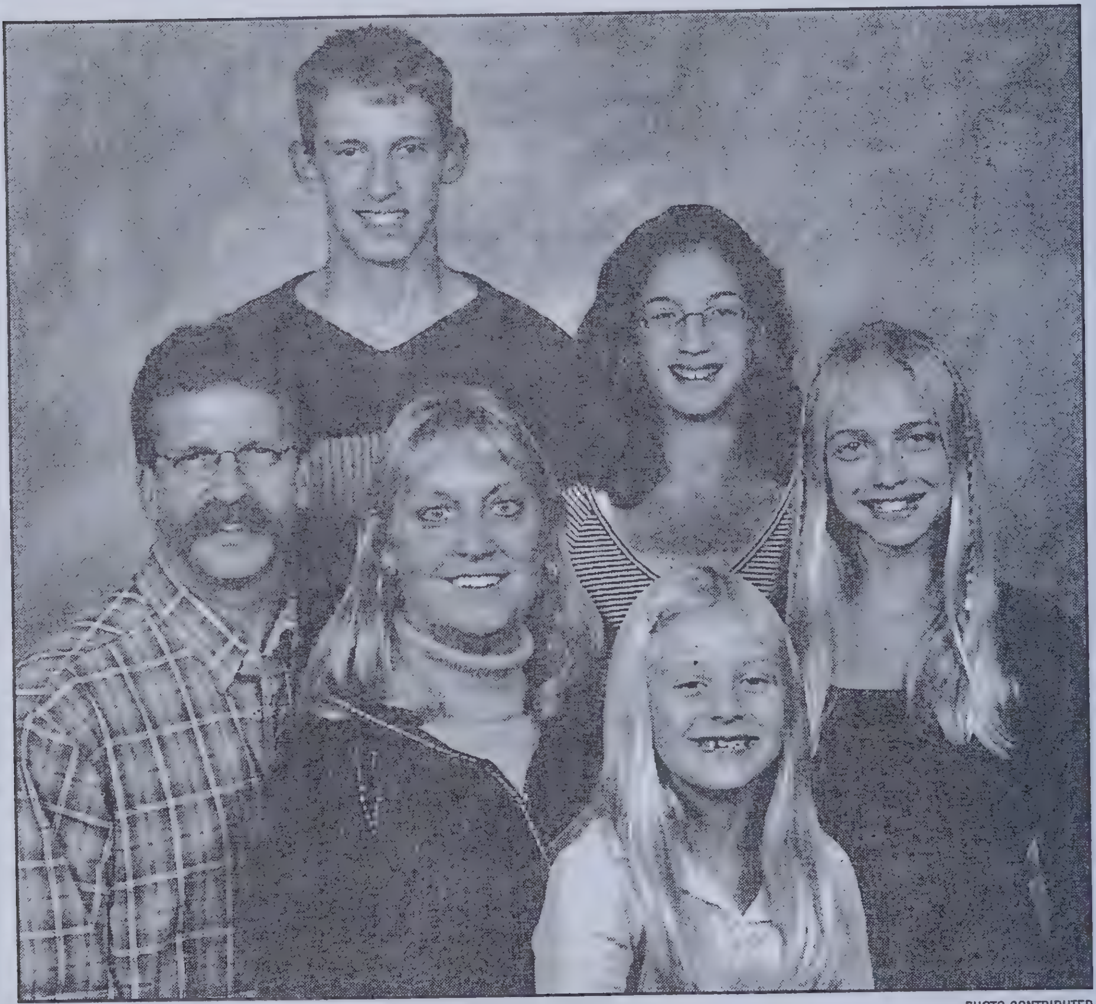
Condolences can be left online at www.davidfuneralhome.net.

Memorials are to the family and can be sent in care of the funeral home at 1292 Drake Road, Kendallville IN 46755.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 19, 2006, Sunday

Avilla farmer was everyone's friend

Hog roast, auction Dec. 9 will benefit family of the late Mark Edwards



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In his final family photo, Mark Edwards is surrounded by the "K-Kids" and his wife, Holly. Clockwise, the "K-Kids" are Keanan, Klanci, Kearni and Kavan. Mr. Edwards died Nov. 3 after battling a form of blood cancer.

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BY BILL GISEL
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AVILLA — After friends and neighbors used eight combines to harvest Mark Edwards' fall crops, the machines were lined up facing the Edwards home on the Baseline Road, three miles west of Old S.R. 3.

"It was like they were saluting Mark," said Holly Edwards, wife of the 49-year-old father of four, and a friend to many hundreds who claimed the late Mr. Edwards as their friend.

"His brother, Doug, took the kids over to the window to show them," she continued. "He told them, 'That's a lesson to be learned; that's what happens to good people,'" she recalled.

Mr. Edward's friends completed the fall harvest in about an hour and a half; they also had planted the crops last spring, after Mr. Edwards was admitted to Indiana University Medical Center to undergo a bone-marrow transplant.

Mr. Edwards had been diagnosed with a form of blood cancer, Holly Edwards said. He anticipated being in the hospital for a month, with another four weeks to be spent in Indianapolis so he could have daily checkups.

"He had a perfect match," Mrs. Edwards said. The donor was a sister. He immediately began producing red and white blood cells and platelets, she explained.

He also developed a graft-host disease, not uncommon for someone undergoing such a procedure. A mild form is an indication that the procedure is working. Her husband had stage one of the disease, with an infection in his mouth. He then developed stage two on his skin.

"It was like he had had a sunburn, and the skin flaked off," she explained. Then, unexpectedly, he developed the disease in his stomach. It ate away the lining of his stomach and intestines, then moved to his liver, which was destroyed.

Mr. Edwards died without ever leaving the hospital.

Throughout his illness, Mr. Edwards never lost his positive attitude, his wife said. After all, Mark Edwards was a strong and healthy man; he didn't smoke or drink. A crew of East Noble athletes who joined her son, Keanan, in baling hay one past summer couldn't keep up with Mr. Edwards.

Mark lost one leg in a farming accident when he was 7 years old, but he did anything and everything he wanted. He snow- and water-skied, worked for more than 28 years at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne and also farmed.

Mrs. Edwards said she was a freshman when Mark was a senior in high school. She knew who he was, but didn't date him until years later.

"He was the guy with one leg," she joked.

Mark used his artificial leg to pull numerous pranks, especially on his favorite holiday, which was Halloween, Mrs. Edwards said.

"He would stick it upside down into the ground on a grave, and then hide behind a headstone," she said with a laugh. Or, he would ask a nephew to pull off his boots after feigning tiredness from work.

"He would have loosened the strap on his leg, and when they pulled on his boot, the entire leg came off," she continued.

At work one time, he outdid a co-worker who was showing off his strength by using a rivet gun to fasten his boot to his foot.

When their oldest child was born, Mark worked nights at Dana Corp., and was a house husband during the day.

"He changed diapers, he did everything," Mrs. Edwards said. As the family grew, each child benefited from the support of the parents.

"We went to every activity, for every child," she said. And there were a lot of family reunions. One was held at the Edwards farm after Mark and Doug dug a large, decorative pond.

"I always wanted a swimming pool," she said, but she compromised on the pond.

"I almost put up a sign," Mrs. Edwards said of the project by the two brothers: "Marked by Mark, and dug by Doug," it would have read, she said.

The Edwardses learned to compromise from the start of their relationship. Mrs. Edwards said she always had dreamed of a Christmas wedding.

"After all, my name is Holly," she recalled. She envisioned Mark in a white tuxedo.

"Mark said 'No way,' and then I said, 'We might as well get married in a barn.'" Mark liked that idea, so they had a Western-themed wedding outdoors.

"We planned to ride off in a horse-drawn buggy, but the horse went lame," she recalled. A storm flattened a gazebo loaned to them by East Noble theater director Craig Munk, but it was repaired in time for the evening wedding.

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"The weather cleared, and it was beautiful," she recalled.

Mrs. Edwards said her husband was everyone's friend. He would drop in on a neighbor and not come home for hours; he would offer help to a stranded motorist along the highway, or put air in someone's tire at a service station, she said.

Once at a Chicago museum and again at Myrtle Beach, S.C., they were startled by a friend calling out, "Hey, Mark," she said.

After one trip together, Mark was unusually quiet, she recalled.

"I asked him what was wrong, and he said, 'We didn't run into any one we know,' and he didn't think that was right!" she said.

At Dana Corp., Mark was vice president of United Steelworkers Local 903 and chairman of the bargaining committee.

"Basically, he ran the union. He cared very much, and took a lot of things personally when someone had a problem," union president Denny Leazier said.

"He was usually the one someone wanted to talk to with a problem. A lot of us felt a personal loss" with Mark's death, he said.

Mark's co-workers have twice "passed the hat" to help with his medical expenses. Mrs. Edwards, a first-grade teacher in East Noble schools, has been on unpaid leave since her husband's illness.

A benefit to aid the family will be held Dec. 9 at the Noble County Fairgrounds in Kendallville. A 3 p.m. hog roast will be followed by an auction of hundreds of donated items and an 8 p.m. appearance by Brian Tussey & Route 7 Band. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening because of the large number of donated items.

Judging from the large number of people who attended Mark Edwards' funeral service, there should probably be more than one hog. More than 1,200 attended the service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville, and the drive around Lake View Cemetery was filled.

"I was lucky," Mrs. Edwards said. "They don't make them like Mark any more."

Elbert Monroe

Mr. Monroe

HARLAN — Elbert "Bud" Monroe, 74, of Harlan, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006.

On Oct. 7, 1932, he was born in Crossville, Tenn., to Elbert Charles and Francis Ruby (Miller) Monroe. He was raised in Crossville and moved from there in 1963.

He married Tierra D. Sunday on March 26, 1977, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

He retired from B.F. Goodrich in 1994 and then worked as a driver for Graber Woodworking.

A Korean War veteran, he was a past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5087 in Antwerp, Ohio, and the American Legion Post 377 in Woodburn. He also was a member of Promise Ministries.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and Roger Harshman, Avilla, Marilyn and Craig Diehm, Albion, and Summer and Chad Long, Van Wert, Ohio; five sisters, Louise Bolen, Waterloo, Suzie Dyer and Billie Brown, both of Crossville, Tenn., Hazel Lemons, Grandview, Tenn., and Judy Driver, Spring City, Tenn.; a brother, Oscar "Tog" Monroe, South Milford; seven grandchildren, Shannon, Shane, Melissa, Justin, Jason, Troy and Braeden; and six great-grandchildren, Tanner, Kendall, Cody, Brittany, Brady and Colin.

His parents and a sister, Ruth Wilson, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Randall L. Glander will officiate. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio.

Calling will be at Promise Ministries from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and two hours prior to the services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46835; Visiting Nurse & Hospice Service, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814; or Cancer Services, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Theodore Arbuckle

ANGOLA — Theodore S. "Ted" Arbuckle, 83, of Angola, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at Cameron Hospice in Angola of a massive stroke.

On Dec. 3, 1922, in Portland, Mo., he was born to Smith Lamont and Fredia Rickie (Elsenrath) Arbuckle.

He married Mary Ellen Arbuckle in 1951. She survives.

Mr. Arbuckle served in the Navy during World War II as an aviation machinist. He worked for the Kroger Co., Marsh Supermarkets and Evon's Nut & Candy Co.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, five daughters and three sons-in-law, Marianne and Pat Phillips, Gunnison, Colo., Wendy and David Oetjen, Cincinnati, Ohio, Melody and Kevin Willibey, Angola, Rosalind Arbuckle and her fiance, Malcolm Maclennan, Washington, D.C. and Joann Arbuckle, Elgin, Ill.; a brother Hubert "Cap" Arbuckle, Redkey; a sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Gene McCombs, Dunkirk, Ind.; a brother-in-law Roscoe Licht, Albany, Ind.; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

His parents and a sister, Mildred Licht, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Meacham Funeral Service (formerly Parson-Rust Funeral Home), 648 W. State St., Albany. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Calling will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703 or American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, Chicago, IL 60674.

Ardis Clutter

ANGOLA — Ardis Doreen Clutter, 61, of Angola, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

On Jan. 1, 1945, she was born in Marion to Dorus W. "Tex" and Fola (Richardson) Clutter.

She was a cashier at Petro Truck Stop in Fremont for eight years. She formerly worked at the Warren Truck Stop in Warren for 12 years and the Edgewood Restaurant and Lounge in Marion for five years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Adora and Ken Eichhorn, Angola; a brother John Guyer, Hartford City; three grandchildren, Ashley, Kayla and Austin, all of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a sister, Izona Knipp.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Father Brian Carsten officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to the serves at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Fort Wayne, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Carleton Shull

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Carleton Shull, 94, of Lake Worth, formerly of St. Joe, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at his residence.

He was born and raised in St. Joe, and resided in Garrett and Fort Wayne before moving to Lake Worth in 1972.

Mr. Shull was a private contractor for the U.S. Postal Service as a star route carrier. He also worked as a painter/decorator in Indiana and in Lake Worth with the Walton family.

He had been a member of the Shrine Temple and F.O.E. in Indiana.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas D. and Marilyn Shull, St. Augustine, Fla.; a daughter, Sharlie and Jay Stuart, Lake Worth; three grandsons, Lt. Col. Douglas D. Shull, Melbourne, Fla., David D. Shull, Palm Coast, Fla., and Darren D. Shull of Tequesta; a brother, Ned Shull, Monroeville; and seven great-grandchildren, Melody, Jillian, Kyle, Marcela, Daniel, Damian and Olivia Mae.

His wife, Gladys, preceded him in death in 1997.

Arrangements are being handled by Dorsey-E. Earl Smith Memory Gardens Funeral Home, 3041 Kirk Road, Lake Worth, FL 33461.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished with additional information.*

Joan Donat

WATERLOO — Joan Coral Donat, 76, of Waterloo died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Donat

Mrs. Donat was a homemaker and a member of the Country Charm Homemakers Club in Waterloo. She was a Girl Scout leader and a Cub Scout den mother. Her hobbies included bowling, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Nov. 5, 1930, in Ashley to Edson and Mabel (Grear) Days. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Herbert Donat on Dec. 30, 1961, in Waterloo. He survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary R. Hurd of Fort Wayne and Troy L. and Carla Donat of Waterloo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra K. and Jay Kern of Waterloo, Karen E. and Randy Morton of Auburn and Christine L. and Mark Gibson of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Alfred and Jeannie Days of Corunna; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jacqueline Smith of Fort Wayne and Silene "Sally" and Doug Cheek of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Jacob R. Kern, Stephanie K. Kern, Kara L. Kern, Rachel N. Gibson, Lynsie L. Gibson, Erica L. Gibson, Isaac M. Gibson, Audrey G. Donat and Luke L. Donat; one great-grandchild, J.J. Garman; and many nieces and nephews.

She married her first husband, Richard Hurd, on Jan. 6, 1951. He died Sept. 21, 1956.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Robert Days and Max Days; five sisters, Vivian Myers, Zidiana Brindle, Georgia Quinonez, Dorothy Wilder and Barbara Stout; and one niece, Glenda Shank.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana University School of Medicine Center of Alzheimer's Research.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished with a change in the date of the service.*

John Green

ANGOLA — John Kent Green, 63, of Angola died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the former owner of Lakeside Market at Lake James and also worked at Metaldyne Industries in Fremont.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam. He was a member of the St. Bernard Club of America, Maumee Valley St. Bernard Club and Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club. John loved to show St. Bernard dogs.

Survivors include his wife, Janice of Angola; stepsons, Noel Scott Snyder of Little Rock, Ark., Phillip Kevin Snyder of Guntersville, Ala. and Paul Furniss of Angola; a sister, Jackie Frederick of Fort Wayne; and a niece, Casey Gardner of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Cleo Green.

Services will be Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at the home of John and Bobbie Sue McLaughlin, 3390 W. C.R. 100N, Angola.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Anna Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Anna C. Yoder, 69, of rural Shipshewana died at 3 a.m. today, Nov. 20, 1006, at her residence.

On Aug. 1, 1937, she was born in Yoder, Kan., to Christian D. and Fannie (Troyer) Yoder.

She had worked at Culver Duck in Middlebury for eight years and was a homemaker.

She belonged to Townline Mennonite Church.

Surviving are three sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Yoder and Tressie Yoder, both of Shipshewana, and Katie and Lonnie Lambright of Goshen; and a stepsister, Velma Yoder of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepmother Clara Yoder; two sisters, Lydia Mae Bontrager and Susan Otto; and three brothers, twins Dannie and Christian and infant Samuel Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Townline Mennonite Church with Bishop Mel Eash officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be 6 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Robert Delanoy

CHURUBUSCO — Robert O. Delanoy, 85, of Green Township in Noble County, died at 7:21 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at University Park Nursing Center, Fort Wayne.

He had been in declining health for some time, and had been a patient at the nursing home since April.

His wife, Pauline (Bair) Delanoy, preceded him in death on June 15, 2004.

Among survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Darlene Delanoy of Churubusco, and two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn Foote of Churubusco, and Bonnie and Don Sheckler of rural Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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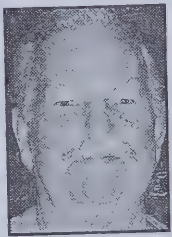
Forest Lawson

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Forest E. Lawson, 76, of Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, at Harborside Nursing Home in Bryan, Ohio.


Mr. Lawson

Mr. Lawson was born May 21, 1930, in Sparta Township, Noble County to Homer Earl and Blanche Lawson. He was married to Phyllis Jean Zion on Feb. 14, 1950, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on April 15, 2003.

He worked for LaGrange Products in Fremont for 24 years. He was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9941 in Reading, Mich. and Amvets. His hobbies were fishing, hunting and gardening.

Surviving are five daughters, Vickie Burd, Fort Wayne, Kathy Lonabarger of Pioneer, Ohio, Cynthia Champion of Camden, Mich., Lucy Keegan of Montgomery and Julie Creighton of Lake Odessa, Mich.; three sons, Randy Lawson and Danny Lawson, both of Camden, and Robert Lawson of LaGrange; a sister, Geneva Wagner of Kendallville; a brother, Roy Lawson of Auburn; 31 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Rebecca Lynn Lawson and Geraldine Fuller; and a grandson, Michael Burd.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Brian Colby officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Leonard Balyeat

SUMAS, Wash. — Leonard Balyeat, 86, of Sumas, Wash., died at 5:25 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at Evergreen Health Care, Billingham, Wash.

On Nov. 26, 1919, in Michigan, he was born to Albert and Dora (Mickem) Balyeat.

He worked most of his life as an electrician in Mathis, Texas, and spent time in the 1960s farming at his family farm in Hastings, Mich.

Mr. Balyeat was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, and received a Good Conduct Medal and a World War II Victory Medal.

He enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

Surviving are a son, John Balyeat of Hastings, Mich.; a daughter, Linda Marie Balyeat of Kerrville, Texas; a brother, Robert Balyeat of Mathis, Texas; and two sisters, Fern Brown of Houston, Texas, and Bonnie Uribe of Seattle, Wash.

A son, Louie Balyeat; a daughter, Vivian; three brothers; and four sisters preceded him in death.

Graveside services with military rights provided by American Legion Post 215 will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Robert Delanoy

CHURUBUSCO — Robert O. Delanoy, 85, of Green Township in Noble County, died at 7:21 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at University Park Nursing Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Delanoy

He had been in declining health for some time, and had been a patient at the nursing home since April.

He was a farmer and also worked at Churubusco Woodworking Co. Inc. for 21 years. He was school bus driver for Green Township for eight years.

Mr. Delanoy was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel.

Born on March 24, 1921, in Allen County, he was the son of Olin and Orpha (Glawe) Delanoy. He married Pauline Bair in Green Township on Nov. 29, 1941. She preceded him in death on June 15, 2004.

He spent all of his adult life in Noble County.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Darlene Delanoy of Churubusco; two daughters, Marilyn Foote of Churubusco, and Bonnie Sheckler of rural Albion; a brother, Alan L. Delanoy of Melbourne, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him death, in addition to his wife and parents, was a son-in-law, Willard A. Foote, on July 3, 2001.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam with Pastor Steven Pulley officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Marian Haakenson

MILLERSBURG — Marian Julia Haakenson, 78, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse, after a short illness.

On Nov. 5, 1928, she was born in Racine, Wis., to Edward and Julia Block. She married Lloyd Haakenson on April 30, 1949. He preceded her in death on June 12, 1978.

She came to Indiana from Wisconsin and was a homemaker. She enjoyed crafts and gardening, especially roses.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Calvin Kline, and Pamela and William Donat, all of Syracuse; two sisters, Mag Baker of Racine, Wis., and Margaret Lang of Fort Myers, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Michael Wanggaard of Palatine, Ill., and Maren Wanggaard, Menomenee Falls, Wis.

In addition to her parents and husband, a brother, Nick Lasko, preceded her in death.

A private family time is scheduled today at 4 p.m. at Kline Funeral Home.

Eli Myers Jr.

HUNTERTOWN — Eli Myers Jr., 82, of Huntertown, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, after a short battle with cancer.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers was a lifelong DeKalb County farmer and was an active member of the Cuba Mennonite Church. He found great fulfillment in being involved in nursing home and prison ministries.

He was born Aug. 24, 1924, to Eli Myers Sr. and Elizabeth (Lugbill) Myers. They preceded him in death.

He married Phyllis Meinderding on June 29, 1952, in Leo. She died April 18, 2005.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Larry and Mary Myers of Grabill, Dave and Mary Lou Myers of Huntertown, Randy Myers of Warsaw and Terry and Gyneth Myers of Auburn; a daughter, Betty Myers of Huntertown; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter J. Myers.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Cuba Mennonite Church, 10835 Cuba Road, Harlan, with Pastor James Miller and Pastor Terry Myers officiating. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery at Grabill.

Calling will be at the church today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-3 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cuba Mennonite School, 10835 Cuba Road, Harlan, IN 46743.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

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Forest Lawson

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Mr. Lawson

Mr. Lawson was born May 21, 1930, in Sparta Township, Noble County to Homer Earl and Blanche Lawson. He was married to Phyllis Jean Zion on Feb. 14, 1950, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on April 15, 2003.

He worked for LaGrange Products in Fremont for 24 years. He was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9941 in Reading, Mich. and Amvets. His hobbies were fishing, hunting and gardening.

Surviving are five daughters, Vickie Burd, Fort Wayne, Kathy Lonabarger of Pioneer, Ohio, Cynthia Champion of Camden, Mich., Lucy Keegan of Montgomery and Julie Creighton of Lake Odessa, Mich.; three sons, Randy Lawson and Danny Lawson, both of Camden, and Robert Lawson of LaGrange; a sister, Geneva Wagner of Kendallville; a brother, Roy Lawson of Auburn; 31 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Rebecca Lynn Lawson and Geraldine Fuller; and a grandson, Michael Burd.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Brian Colby officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Condolences can be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Rowan

LAGRANGE — Patricia Ann Rowan, 70, of LaGrange died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a nurse's aide for 20 years, and lived most of her life in LaGrange County.

On May 9, 1936, in Sherman, Ill., she was born to David G. and Elsie (Donnley) Turner. She married Karl D. Rowan on April 23, 1954, in Howe. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karla Rowan of LaGrange; and a son, Jesse Rowan of LaGrange.

A daughter, Pamela Rowan, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Church of God, LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the First Church of God, LaGrange.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ruby Miller

GOSHEN — Ruby Mae Miller, 76, of rural Goshen died at 6:05 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, in Our Lady of Peace Hospital, South Bend.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

On Jan. 30, 1930, in Milford, she was born to Samuel B. and Edna Mae (Chupp) Miller. She married Obie J. Miller in Topeka on March 18, 1948. He survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Calvin and Alma Miller, Lloyd and Ida Mae Miller and Richard and Anna Marie Miller, all of Goshen, Floyd and Betty Fern Miller of Shipshewana, and LaVern and Arlene Miller of Middlebury; a sister, Ida Anna Miller of Goshen; 25 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Her parents, two brothers, Elton and Monroe Miller, and a grandson, Daryl Miller, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Marvin Kauffman residence with Bishop Marvin Kauffman and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be all day today at the Richard Miller residence, 60770 C.R. 35, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to millerstewartfuneralhome. com.

Carlton Erwin

ANGOLA — Carlton D. Erwin, 75, of Angola died Monday at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola

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Shane Case

WOLCOTTVILLE — Shane Case, 38, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at his mother's Kendallville residence.

Mr. Case

He loved spending time with his family and friends, and enjoyed warm weather, animals, cars, boats and going to amusement parks.

On Nov. 4, 1968, in Kendallville, he was born to Jasper Case and Lola Faye (Handshoe) Handshoe.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Jasper and Wanda Case of Wolcottville; his mother and her friend, Lola Faye Handshoe and Donnie Ramey of Kendallville; two sons, Zachary and Brandon Case of Wolcottville; a daughter, Amber Case of Wolcottville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Hope Case and Constance and Norman Conrad, all of Wolcottville; a stepsister, Shannon Smith of Wolcottville; a niece, Alexis Case of Wolcottville; a nephew, Gavin Lee Case of Wolcottville; a stepniece, Breanna Smith, Wolcottville; a stepnephew, Brandon Casey Smith of Wolcottville; a paternal grandmother, Nellie Sturdivant of Wolcottville; a maternal grandfather, Virgil Handshoe of Quicksand, Ky.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A paternal grandfather, Clinton L. Case, and a maternal grandmother, Edna Handshoe, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in New Freedom Baptist Church, LaGrange, with Pastor Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

John Duesler

WAKARUSA — John Spencer Duesler, 37, of rural Wakarusa died at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at his residence.

He graduated from Northwood High School in 1988 and Purdue University in 1992 with a degree in engineering.

He was a software engineer at Control Development.

Mr. Duesler was a member of Wakarusa United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity and the church's men's group.

On Oct. 2, 1969 in Elkhart, he was born to Daniel and Barbara (Hoag) Duesler. He married Lori Jackson on July 30, 2002. She survives.

Also surviving are his parents; a daughter, Katherine Duesler of Ligonier; a stepson, Stephen Hettler of Ligonier; a sister, Andrea Duesler of Cromwell; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ray and Kim Duesler of Bedford, and Steve and Audry Duesler of Lafayette.

A private family service will be held with burial in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral, 117 W. Waterford St., Wakarusa.

Memorials are to the trust fund for Katherine Duesler.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. Tuesday at the church, 300 N. Sycamore St., LaGrange.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Alice Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Mary Alice Geiger, 81, of Churubusco died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006.

Mrs. Geiger

She was a devoted mother, grandmother and wife. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, crocheting and traveling. She was a charter member of Sugar Grove Church of God.

Mrs. Geiger lived her entire life in the Churubusco area.

On May 30, 1925, in Allen County, she was born to Joseph H. and A. Eloise (Arden) McGuire. She married Glenn E. Geiger on Dec. 20, 1947. He preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn King of Churubusco; a son, G. Alan Geiger of Fort Wayne; a sister, Joan (Shanabarger) Keller of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Jean McGuire of Churubusco, and Robert and Janet McGuire of Albion; seven grandchildren; several brothers and sisters-in-law including Don Pranger of Churubusco; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Sandra Coleman, a sister, Barbara Pranger, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Timothy Grable of Sugar Grove Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sugar Grove Church of God.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Donations for teen's funeral stolen

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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AUBURN — The unexpected death of a child is devastating enough. But the funeral of Damon "Dane" Joseph Freeman, 16, of Corunna, took an even more tragic turn Thursday when someone stole a wallet containing memorial contributions to the family.

Freeman's cousin, Charlotte Fee of Auburn, said the contributions were going to be used to pay funeral costs.

More than 600 people paid their respects at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. After Thursday's funeral, friends and family members gathered at the Auburn Moose Lodge on South Main Street for dinner, Fee said.

Corunna

Fee, a Moose member, was helping to organize the funeral dinner. She set her brown leather, clutch-style wallet nearby while she was preparing food.

The wallet contained Fee's checkbook, cash and credit cards, but also many memorial contributions that had been handed to her at the funeral home.

Fee said she ran outside "for a minute" to retrieve something from her truck. When she returned, her wallet was gone.

"I couldn't believe it," Fee said. "I had just cashed my check, and all of my money was in there, but worst of all, all of the memorial contributions were gone."

Fortunately, Fee had handed some of the contributions to another family member at the funeral home, but hundreds of dollars in cash for the family was stolen, she said.

Fee immediately canceled her credit cards, notified her bank and filed a report with the Auburn Police, but the money and wallet have not been recovered.

"Dane's father is a minister and his mom doesn't work," Fee said. "They were depending on those memorials to help pay for funeral costs, because they do not have the money to pay for it. It's all so sad."

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Dwight Hooten

WHEATON, Ill. — Dwight M. Hooten, 86, of Wheaton, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Hooten

On Oct. 8, 1920, in Wawaka, he was born to Dwight and Beulah Hooten. He married Jean Chamberlin on June 25, 1949, in Brooklyn, N.Y. She preceded him in death.

In 1960, he moved to Wheaton.

Mr. Hooten served in U.S. Army counter-intelligence during World War II in the South Pacific, then graduated from New York University.

In 1960, he moved his family to Wheaton.

He began his career in advertising working for NOAB in New York and Chicago. In the late 1960s, he joined Tyndale House Publishing where he contributed to many periodicals and books, most notably "Have a Good Day." He retired in 1989 as executive editor of periodicals.

Mr. Hooten was a longtime member of College Church in Wheaton where he served as an elder and taught Sunday school.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Marion and Bob Myczek of Arizona, Ellen and Frank Scognamillo of Arizona, Dorothy and Dan Voss of Wheaton, and Mae Lynn and Rich Johnson of Wheaton; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Jennifer Hooten of Wheaton, and Kenneth and Janet Hooten of Hinsdale, Ill.; 12 grandchildren, John, Jennie-Jean, David, Alicia, Brandon, Austen, Jacob, Dwight Graham, Libby, Mara, Jessica and Danielle; and five great-grandchildren, Chloe, Paige, Kali, Kade and Casey.

In addition to his wife, his parents, two brothers, Glen and Dale, and a sister, Mary, preceded him in death.

He was buried Friday in Wheaton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Holt Adoption Agency, Wynscape Healthcare Center in Wheaton or College Church in Wheaton Special Education.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of local arrangements.

Malcolm Elliott

INDIANAPOLIS — Malcolm M. Elliott, 88, of Indianapolis and formerly of Jimmerson Lake, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006.

Mr. Elliott was born Aug. 1, 1918, to Glant and Elizabeth (Tracy) Elliott. He was married to Maxine (Harrell) Elliott for 66 years, and she survives.

He retired after 39 years on the railroad. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a member of the Keystone Masonic Lodge for 50 years and Linwood Christian Church. He was an avid wood worker.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and David Hoffman and Terri and Mark Vandermark; two sons and daughters-in-law, Glant and Mary Elliott and Harrell and Jan Elliott; two brothers, Bob and Don Elliott; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Keith Elliott, and two grandsons.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Shirley Brothers Memorial Chapel, Indianapolis. Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial and military graveside services will be in Washington Park East, Indianapolis.

Memorials are to Community Home Health (Hospice), 9894 E. 121st St., Fishers, IN 46037.

Carlton Erwin

ANGOLA — Carlton D. Erwin, 75, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Erwin was born Aug. 30, 1931, in Angola to Carl E. and Lillie M. (Rinehart) Erwin. He married Dorothy Robbins at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola on July 5, 1952. She survives.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-57.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1950. He worked for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 36 years as a maintenance supervisor, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and Angola Moose Lodge No. 1568. He was also a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Kathleen Erwin of Fort Wayne and Tim and Karen Erwin of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Tamy Persons of Auburn; a sister, Lila Allen of Auburn; three granddaughters, Angela Kiser of Churubusco and Melissa and Jessica Erwin, both of Fort Wayne; two nephews and their wives, Ken and Karen Shelton of Angola and Kent and Pat Shelton of Granger; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Arthur Johne Erwin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Dec. 2 at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Dec. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Blanche Myers

SHIPSHEWANA — Blanche Marie Myers, 93, of rural Shipshewana died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Myers

On Aug. 20, 1913, in Marshall County, Ind., she was born to Edward A. and Anna (Wisler) Olney. She married Leonard R. Myers on April 24, 1932, in Wakarusa. He preceded her in death on Oct. 18, 1989.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

Mrs. Myers was a member of Scott United Methodist Church for 89 years, the church's United Methodist Women, DAR, OES Sylvan Chapter 215 and an avid doll collector.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Madeline Alberson of Glenflora, Wis., and Marilyn and Arthur Ramsey of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin L. and Marlene Myers of Fishers, and Murlyn L. and Jane Myers of Shipshewana; 18 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a brother, four sisters and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Scott United Methodist Church, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Nancy Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Sidener Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be two hours prior to Friday's services at the church.

Memorials are to Scott United Methodist Church and Meals on Wheels.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Robert Garfield

HAINES CITY, Fla. — Robert L. Garfield, 75, of Haines City, Fla., died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, in Auburndale, Fla.

Mr. Garfield had been a corporate pilot with Rieke Corp. in Auburn. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. He was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Haines City and American Legion Post 8 in Winter Haven. Fla.

Mr. Garfield moved to Haines City in 1992 from Auburn.

He was born June 11, 1931, in St. Louis, Mo., to William Henry Garfield and Beulah Elms Kronsbein.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Linda Garfield of Haines City; two sons, Robert L. Garfield Jr. of Jonesboro and Kevin W. Garfield of Marion; two daughters, Suzanne Fletcher of Lawrence, Kan., and Theresa Devlin of Topeka, Kan., two stepdaughters, Stephanie Good of Fort Wayne and Nicole Crager of Corunna; a half-brother, James Jackson of Cuba, Mo.; a half-sister, Patricia Thompson of Tulsa, Okla.; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne.

Oak Ridge Funeral Care, Haines City, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Eleanor Black

ANGOLA — Eleanor G. "Ginger" Morley Black, 85, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Black was born Dec. 3, 1920, in Fremont to Parks and Zula (Harter) Watts. She was married to Robert Black, and he preceded her in death on July 17, 2005.

She was a graduate of Metz High School.

She had been the co-owner of the Top Hat and Azar's restaurants in Angola. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Angola Women of the Moose, Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary and the Angola Elks Lodge. She was a 4-H leader and an avid bowler and bingo player.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jan Ryan Wilson and Mark Wilson of Angola; a foster daughter, Sue Maxson of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Brooke Ryan, Ruben Ryan and Monte Yarger; two great-grandchildren and nine foster great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Mac Morley, in 1968; and a daughter, Kaylynn Morley, in 1944.

Services will be at noon Friday at the Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or Steuben County Special Olympics.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Rex Clifton

ORLAND — Rex L. Clifton, 73, of Orland died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Clifton was born March 16, 1933, in Wren, Ohio to Benjamin Harry and Jennie Marie (Culbertson) Clifton. He was married to Lynn (Alley) Roberts on Jan. 5, 1985, and she survives.

Mr. Clifton

He was a former vice president of Lincoln National Bank in Hoagland and worked for many years with his brother Floyd in construction.

He attended the United Brethren Church in Wren, where his maternal grandfather was the pastor, as he grew up. He loved traveling and was an avid fan of the Ohio State University Buckeyes.

He was a Korean War veteran and served in the U.S. Navy. He was a lifetime member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423. He attended the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are nine children and their spouses, Rex A. and Paula Clifton of Decatur, Daniel L. Clifton of New Haven, Lane M. Roberts of LaPorte, Jason W. and Linda Roberts of Kerrville, Texas, Denise and Tom Kennedy of Anderson, Deborah and Tim Irvin and Deanna and Adrian Gallegos of Fort Wayne, Vonda and Marc Wester of Santa Barbara, Calif. and Julia Roberts of Lafayette; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Duane and Edith Clifton of Willshire, Ohio and Floyd Clifton of Pleasant Lake; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Carl and Ralph Clifton; and two sisters, Maxine Sharpe and Ruth Ann Brake.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Revs. Duane Stidham, Rodger Strong and Edward Grable officiating. Military services will be conducted by members of the Orland American Legion. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and also one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to Orland Fire and Rescue.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ira Noll

WILLIS, Texas — Ira Devon Noll, 78, of Willis, Texas died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, in Willis.

Mr. Noll

Mr. Noll was born Feb. 22, 1928, in Metz. He served in the Korean Conflict in 1952, and was a member of American Legion Post No. 0618 in Willis.

He sang at the Metz Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria Noll of Willis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Zoe Ann and Billy Holmes of Houston, Texas and Dawn and Gary Dean of Huntington, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennie and Cindy Noll of Houston; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday at Metcalf Funeral Chapel in Conroe, Texas. Burial was in Houston National Cemetery.

Kyle Arnold

QUINCY, Mich. — Kyle M. Arnold, 43, of Quincy, Mich. died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at home.

Mr. Arnold was born April 20, 1963, in Coldwater, Mich. to Nicholas S. and Norma J. (Cornish) Arnold. He married LaRae Walker on Nov. 5, 1983, in Quincy. She survives.

He was a member of the Branch County, Mich. Conservation and Sportsman's Club. He was an avid snowmobiler and adventurer. He loved to target shoot with his son and also enjoyed woodworking.

He was a home developer and owned Quail Meadows in Quincy, Mich. with his wife. He also co-owned Majaac Inc. in Bryan, Ohio and Nicona Construction in Quincy.

Also surviving are a son, Austin Arnold of Quincy; a brother and sister-in-law, Nicholas S. II and Wendy Arnold of Coldwater; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carla Dalton of Marshall, Mich. and Erica and Tom Heisler of Bryan; a grandfather, Carlton Arnold of Coldwater; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Coldwater, with the Rev. David Anderson officiating. Calling with be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials are to the Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Zion, Ill.

Condolences can be left online at www.gillespiefh.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Shane Case, 38

KENDALLVILLE – Shane Case, age 38, died on Monday, November 20, 2006 at his mother's residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Case was born in Kendallville on November 4, 1968 to Jasper Case and Lola Faye (Handshoe) Handshoe.

He loved spending time with his family and friends and enjoyed warm weather, animals, cars, boats, going to amusement parks.

Survivors include: father and step mother, Jasper and Wanda Case of Wolcottville; mother, Lola Faye Handshoe and her friend, Donnie Ramey of Kendallville; sons, Zachary and Brandon Case of Wolcottville; daughter, Amber Case of Wolcottville; two sisters, Hope Case of Wolcottville and sister and brother-in-law, Constance and Norman Conrad of Wolcottville; step sister, Shannon Smith of Wolcottville; niece, Alexis Case and nephew, Gavin Lee Case both of Wolcottville; step niece, Breanna Smith and step nephew, Brandon Casey Smith both of Wolcottville, paternal grandmother, Nellie Sturdivant of Wolcottville; maternal grandfather, Virgil Handshoe of Quicksand, Kentucky; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandfather, Clinton L. Case and maternal grandmother, Edna Handshoe.

Funeral services were Wednesday, November 22, 2006 at New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange. Officiated by Pastor Wade Sturdivant.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements Are By:
Hite Funeral Home - 403 South Main Street - Kendallville, Indiana 46755, Phone: 260-347-1653 Fax: 260-347-2154

Mary Geiger, 81

CHURUBUSCO - Mary Alice Geiger, 81, of Churubusco died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother and wife. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, crocheting and traveling. She was a charter member of Sugar Grove Church of God.

Mrs. Geiger lived her entire life in the Churubusco area.

On May 30, 1925, in Allen County, she was born to Joseph H. and A. Eloise (Arden) McGuire. She married Glenn E. Geiger on Dec. 20, 1947. He preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn King of Churubusco; a son, G. Alan Geiger of Fort Wayne; a sister, Joan (Shanabarger) Keller of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Jean McGuire of Churubusco, and Robert and Janet McGuire of Albion; seven grandchildren; several brothers and sisters-in-law including Don Pranger of Churubusco; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Sandra Coleman, a sister, Barbara Pranger, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Timothy Grable of Sugar Grove Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sugar Grove Church of God.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Evelyn L. Diffendarfer, 95

Evelyn L. Diffendarfer, 95, a resident of Churubusco and widow of Jesse H. Diffendarfer, died at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at her residence. She had been in declining health for some time and had been more seriously ill since August.

Mrs. Diffendarfer was born in Green Township in Noble County on April 30, 1911, a daughter of John and Alice (Wright) Strouse. She spent her formative years in Noble County and graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On May 26, 1934 she was married in Noble County to Jesse H. Diffendarfer. A Churubusco resident for the past 65 years, she had been previously employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City and by the former Tri-County Truth in Churubusco.

She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, had been a Sunday School teacher for many years and enjoyed volunteering in the church office.

Mr. Diffendarfer died on March 8, 1992.

The surviving relatives include two daughters, Nancy Wright and Marna (Kerry) Perlich both of Churubusco; and a son John (Felicia) Diffendarfer of Churubusco; eight grandchildren Lea (Gary) Norris, Christa (Brad) Arrowsmith, Nancy (Dallas) Nestel, Lance (Holly) Diffendarfer, Holly Wright, Jeff (Amy) Perlich, Jamie (Melanie) Perlich, and John (Angie) Perlich, and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by sister Eva Shively; and her brothers Guy Strouse, Verl Strouse, and Ford Strouse.

Funeral services were Friday, November 17, 2006 in the Churubusco United Methodist Church the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiated.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home were in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco Public Library, Churubusco United Methodist Church Children's Department, or the Churubusco Community Park.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

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Lu Anne Piggott, 55

WAWAKA – Lu Anne Piggott, 55, of Wawaka died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Piggott was born April 26, 1951, in Goshen to Larry and Lolita (Powell) McKibben. She was married to Gerald A. "Bill" Piggott on May 20, 1972, and he survives.

She was a lifetime resident of the Wawaka area. She was a homemaker and a member of Wawaka United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed collecting coins, pictures and angels.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, D. Pete and Marcy Piggott of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Brandon Johnson of Spring Lake, N.C.; her mother in Middlebury; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Caroline McKibben and Louis and Diane McKibben, all of Goshen; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda Mabie of Crestview, Fla. and Larraine and Freeman Miller of Shipshewana; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services were held Monday, November 20, 2006, at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jim Robbins officiating.

Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery, Ligonier.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Barbara Holt, 61

KENDALLVILLE –

Barbara Holt, age 61, died Thursday morning, November 16, 2006, at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Holt was born in Auburn, Indiana on June 18, 1945 to Harlan and Pearl Irene (Watson) Clark.

She married William Joe Holt on January 3, 1967 in Florence, Alabama, and he preceded her in death October 12, 2006.

She was employed with Millineum Industries in Ligonier and attended the Vinyard Christian Fellowship in Rome City.

She is survived by a daughter, Joetta Holt and her fiance, Max Sargent of Kendallville; grandson, Tony Patrick of Kendallville; granddaughter, Shanoa Patrick of Kendallville; and sister-in-law, Judy Cooley of Ligioner.

Mrs. Holt was also preceded in death by an infant son, Jamie Holt; infant daughter, Ann Margaret Holt; and brother, Chuck Cooley.

Services were held at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville Friday, November 17, 2006, with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating.

Graveside Services and Burial were Saturday, November 18, 2006, at Cromwell Crossroads Cemetery in Lutts, Tennessee.

Condolences to the family may be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Elbert "Bud" Monroe, 74

HARLAN – Elbert "Bud" Monroe, 74, of Harlan, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006.

On Oct. 7, 1932, he was born in Crossville, Tenn., to Elbert Charles and Francis Ruby (Miller) Monroe. He was raised in Crossville and moved from there in 1963.

He married Tierra D. Sunday on March 26, 1977, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

He retired from B.F. Goodrich in 1994 and then worked as a driver for Graber Woodworking.

A Korean War veteran, he was a past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5087 in Antwerp, Ohio, and the American Legion Post 377 in Woodburn. He also was a member of Promise Ministries,

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and Roger Harshman, Avilla, Marilyn and Craig Diehm, Albion, and Summer and Chad Long, Van Wert, Ohio; five sisters, Louise Bolen, Waterloo, Suzie Dyer and Billie Brown, both of Crossville, Tenn., Hazel Lemons, Grandview, Tenn., and Judy Driver, Spring City, Tenn.; a brother, Oscar "Tog" Monroe, South Milford; seven grandchildren, Shannon, Shane, Melissa, Justin, Jason, Troy and Braeden; and six great-grandchildren, Tanner, Kendall, Cody, Brittany, Brady and Colin.

His parents and a sister, Ruth Wilson, preceded him in death.

Services were held Wednesday, November 22, 2006, at Promise Ministries in Fort Wayne. The Rev. Randall L. Glander officiated. Burial was in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio.

Memorials are to Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46835; Visiting Nurse & Hospice Service, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46814; or Cancer Services, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne IN 46805.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Robert O. Delanoy, 85

ALBION - Robert O. Delanoy, 85, a resident of Green Township in Noble County, died at 7:21 p.m. Sunday, November 19, 2006, at the University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne,. He had been in declining health for some time, and had been a patient at the nursing home since April.

Mr. Delanoy was born on March 24, 1921 in Allen County, a son of Olin and Orpha (Glawe) Delanoy, and spent all of his adult life in Noble County.

His marriage took place in Green Township on November 29, 1941 to Pauline Bair. She preceded him in death on June 15, 2004.

Engaging in farming in Green Township all of his life, he had worked for 21 years at Churubusco Woodworking Co., Inc., and was a school bus driver for Green Township for eight years. He was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel.

Surviving relatives include his son, Dale (Darlene) Delanoy of Churubusco; two daughters, Marilyn Foote of Churubusco and Bonnie Sheckler of rural Albion; a brother, Alan L. Delanoy of Melbourne, Florida; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law Willard A. Foote on July 3, 2001.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Merriam Christian Chapel, Pastor Steven Pulley officated.

Intermet was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. For those who wish memorials may be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Video Fund. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

The family of James "J.C.." Dazey

wish to thank the following people and organizations for their thoughtfulness, prayers and supports at this difficult time in our lives, from loss of our husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend.

Deepest Thanks and Appeciation:

Noble County EMS and First Responders
Noble County Sheriff's Dept.
Parkview Noble Hospital
American Legion Post 246
VFW Post 4717
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Wolf Lake Methodist Church
Sheets and Child Funeral Home
Kendallville New-Sun
Albion New Era
Rev. Don Poyser
Jerry Carson

Thank you,
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Chuck & Sandy Dazey and family,
Sandra & Steve Lemish and family,
Ron & Angie Dazey and family,
Jim & Rhae Dazey and family, and
Betty Jo & Rick Theil and family

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Crash kills one

BY MATT GETTS
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KENDALLVILLE — A LaGrange man was killed in a one-vehicle accident Wednesday evening on C.R. 900N.

Larry Bolen, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

According to Noble County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Chad Willett, Bolen was driving a 1993 Chevy Beretta eastbound on C.R. 900N east of Anglin Road at approximately 6:38 p.m. when his vehicle crossed over the westbound lane and left the roadway.

Bolen's vehicle struck an earthen embankment, Willett said, ended up on its side and then struck a utility pole, which it sheared off. The vehicle came to rest on its top near 6666 E. C.R. 900 N.

According to Willett, police were unsure why Bolen's vehicle left the roadway. There were no skid marks at the scene to indicate he had tried to stop his vehicle prior to hitting the earthen embankment.

It did not appear Bolen had been wearing a seat belt, Willett said. The Beretta's airbag did deploy.

Parkview Hospital's Samaritan Helicopter responded to the scene, as did units from the Kendallville Fire Department, Noble County EMS, Noble County Sheriff's Department, Noble County Coroner's Office and Noble REMC.

Betty Gushwa

FORT WAYNE — Betty J. Gushwa, 84, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in DeKalb County, she was a mortgage reporter for Fort Wayne Credit Bureau, retiring in 1978.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Ronald Lake of Manhattan, Ill.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Hubert Stackhouse of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; a brother, Preston Stackhouse; and a sister, Eunice Reno.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Charles Pennell

SNOW LAKE — Charles Vernon Pennell, 96, of Fort Wayne and Snow Lake died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pennell

Mr. Pennell retired from General Electric after 44 years as a manufacturing engineer, specializing in winding machines.

He was a member of Trier Ridge Community Church of God, Masonic Lodge-Sol D. Bayless No. 359, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, GE Quarter Century Club and Apprentice Alumni.

Known as "Charlie," he enjoyed lake activities, gardening, bird watching, fishing and spending time with his family at the home he built on Snow Lake.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Janet Pennell of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Mary Zull of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Chuck, Cathy, Michael, Marianne, Nancy, Kevin, Eric and Michelle; and many beloved great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Evelyn, in 1985, as well as three brothers and one sister.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons, Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne with the Rev. Bob Purdy officiating. Burial will follow at Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Lung Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 23, 2006, Thursday

Thomas G. Flock

ROCKVILLE — Thomas G. Flock, 75, of Rockville died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at West Central Community Hospital in Clinton.

He was born Aug. 25, 1931, in Bloomingdale to Carson Lee Flock and Flora Elizabeth Trimble Flock, who are both deceased. He was the retired owner of Flock Implement in Rockville.

He married Barbara J. Malone July 23, 1951. She died Nov. 23, 1999. On Sept. 28, 2002, he married Carolyn Kerr Potts of Fort Wayne, who survives.

Other survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cindy and Norm Thompson of Rockville, Cindy Miller of Wolcottville and Karen and John Hughett of Rockville; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Becky and Steve Madison of Carol Stream, Ill., and Peggy and Dino Redmond of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Jeff and Clara Potts and Randy and Pam Potts, all of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; a brother, David Flock of Stanton, Calif.; four sisters and one brother-in-law, MaryLou Harmon of Rockville, Nancy and David Lewis of Crawfordsville, Martha Cornelison of Terre Haute, and Patty Leonard of Denver, Colo.; a father-in-law, Harold Malone of Rockville; three brothers-in-law, John Malone of Rockville, Jack Malone of Terre Haute and Mel Teague of Rockville; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Besides his first wife and his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

He graduated from Bloomingdale High School in 1949, attended Purdue University and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict as an aerial gunnery instructor. He purchased the John Deere dealership in 1960 in Parke County, which was later named Flock Implement, and retired in 1997.

He was an avid supporter of 4-H and the FFA, and he loved to fly. One of his favorite hobbies was rebuilding vintage aircraft. In 1999, he was inducted into the Vintage Aircraft Hall of Fame in Oshkosh, Wisc.

He was a member of the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Rockville First United Methodist Church, past president of the Rockville Town Council and a past volunteer fireman for the Rockville Fire Department.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Rockville United Methodist Church, 128 N. Market St., Rockville, with the Rev. Jenny Charles officiating. Burial will be in Memory Garden Cemetery in Rockville.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Gooch Funeral Home, 112 W. Howard St., Rockville, and one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Memorials are to Parke County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 276, Rockville, IN 47872 or Parke County Unit of the American Cancer Society, 112 W. Howard St., Rockville, IN 46872.

Online condolences may be sent to www.goochfuneralhome.com.

Lulu F. Hershberger

MIDDLEBURY — Lulu F. Hershberger, 92, of Middlebury died at 7:41 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital where she was admitted earlier in the day.

On Aug. 5, 1914, in Holmes County, Ohio, she was born to Jacob B. and Fannie (Miller) Beachy. She married Noah E. Hershberger Dec. 31, 1935, in Holmes County. He preceded her in death March 20, 1995.

She was a homemaker and member of the Fairhaven Mennonite Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Owen and Esther Hershberger of Goshen; two daughters and a son-in-law, Elsie and Simon Yoder of Goshen, and Betty Hershberger of Middlebury; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, four sisters, Sarah Troyer, Mary Schrock, Elmina Beachy and Edna Beachy; four brothers, Andrew Beachy, Abe Beachy, Sam Beachy and Roy Beachy; and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church, Goshen, with Bishop Wilbur Yoder, and the Revs. Harvey Miller and Dan B. Miller, all of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be emailed to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Martha Pettigrew

COLUMBIA CITY — Martha Ellen Pettigrew, 78, of Columbia City died at 4:47 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 6, 1930, in Smith Township, Whitley County, to Alpheus Abraham and Ruth Matilida Hanna (Roberson) Gordon. Both are deceased.

She lived in the Churubusco area and later moved to Allen County where she graduated from Huntertown High School. She married Charles Ivan Pettigrew April 21, 1950, at the Nazarene parsonage in Churubusco by the Rev. Jesse R. Martin. She was a homemaker her entire life and a member of Centerview Community Church, South Whitley. She was an avid reader and birdwatcher and liked to do crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel Lee and Debra Pettigrew of Columbia City and David A. and Cindy Pettigrew of South Whitley; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lee H. Reinwald of Kendallville and Grace Ewald of Colorado; four brothers, Don Gordon of Monroeville, Dale Gordon of Avilla, Wayne Gordon of Pensacola, Fla., and Phil Gordon of Columbia City.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Terry Lynn Pettigrew in 1989 and Donald Ivan Pettigrew in 1993.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City with the Rev. Roy Blake officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Loura Louise Nichols

FORT WAYNE — Loura Louise Nichols, 81, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born Jan. 13, 1925, in Chicago, Ill.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Barb and Garland Bradley of South Bend and Deborah Kelsey of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Pam Nichols of Albion; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John R. Nichols; a son, Richard Kelsey; and a brother, David DeMarco.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Miller Road, Kendallville.

Arrangements are by Advantage Funeral and Cremations Services.

Howard Bates

AUBURN — Howard A. Bates, 96, of Auburn died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Doris "Peggy" Moore

SYRACUSE — Doris "Peggy" Moore, 80, of Syracuse died at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

She was born July 17, 1926, in Urbana to William and Demarace (Neal) Bowlin, who are both deceased. She married David K. Moore July 17, 1982. He survives. She lived in Indianapolis, moved to Peoria, Ill., in 1982, then to Syracuse in 1987 where she became a permanent resident.

She was a bookkeeper and co-owner of Wholesale Television in Indianapolis and served as administrator of the Parks Department in Indianapolis, retiring after 10 years. She also worked for the Ligonier Parks Department.

She was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Oak Lawn Hospital for 12 years. She served also as a volunteer for hospice, the Gray Ladies, and the public relations department of the American Red Cross.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Judi Reich of Indianapolis, Jeffrey and Angie Reich of Palmyra and Kevin and Sue Reich of Minneapolis, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse with the Rev. David Herr officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Goshen Cancer Care Center.

Condolences may be sent to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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Austin Shell

TOPEKA — Austin Jace Shell of rural Topeka was stillborn at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

His parents are Timothy and Elsie (Lambright) Shell.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a sister, Cheryl Renae Shell, at home; two brothers, Eric Lavon Shell and Gary Gene Shell, both at home; a grandfather, Roswell Shell, Topeka; and a grandmother, Mary Lambright, Goshen.

A grandmother, Lena Shell; a grandfather, Felty V. Lambright; and a sister, Lily JoElla Shell, on June 25, 2000, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the family residence with Bishop Alvin Lambright and home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. A graveside service will follow at Hawpatch Cemetery.

Condolences may be emailed to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Larry Bolen

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Larry Bolen, 49, of LaGrange are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Bolen died in an automobile accident Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006.

Janice Wells

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Janice Wells, 72, of Kendallville are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Wells died at 4:35 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Kristy Okuly

FORT WAYNE — Kristy M. Okuly, 44, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Parkview Hospital for 25 years. She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband, Dan Okuly of Roanoke; two sons, Matthew Okuly of North Carolina and Shawn Okuly; a daughter, Desarae Okuly; her parents, David and Suzanne Cserep of Auburn; brothers Scott Derrow of Indianapolis and Randy Derrow of Lawson, Mo.; and stepbrothers David Cserep Jr. of Auburn and Daniel Cserep of Chalmers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Desarae's Education Fund or to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Gerald Hayworth

MARION, Iowa — Gerald Lee Hayworth, 86, a former East Noble School Corp. educator now living in Marion, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006.

He had been a teacher, principal and superintendent of schools. He was honored as the National Outstanding Educator of the Year in 1965. With his wife, Alice, he began music ministries at many care centers. He touched countless lives with both his tenor voice and his harmonica playing. He was a member of Squaw Creek Baptist Church in Marion.

Mr. Hayworth was a major in the U.S. Marines, serving in the South Pacific from 1942 through May 1944. He then was stationed in San Clemente, Calif.

He was born March 1, 1920, in Vermillion County, Ind., to Philip and Juanita (Shew) Hayworth.

He married Alice Marie Branson on May 25, 1944. She died Dec. 27, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marcia and Hal Cary of Tucson, Ariz., and Debbie and Rod Bowen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; three grandchildren, Kim Cary of Fort Wayne, Jennilee Cordes and her husband, Jason, and Dan Bowen and his wife, Elissa, all of Cedar Rapids; and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Center, followed by private burial.

Memorials are to St. Luke's Hospice, P.O. Box 3026, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, or to Linn Manor Care Center, 1140 Elim Drive, Marion, IA 52302.

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Howard Bates

AUBURN — Howard A. Bates, 96, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Bates

Mr. Bates graduated from Tri-State University in 1931 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He was an engineer for the Auburn Automobile Co. from 1931-1936 and then worked in engineering at International Harvester of Fort Wayne for 39 years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn and a 69-year member of the Auburn Lions Club. He was the longest-serving Lion in the state of Indiana and the first Auburn Lion to receive the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. He was a lifetime member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and a Navistar Hero.

Mr. Bates was born April 8, 1910, in Camden City, Mich., to Dr. James A. and Elizabeth (Palmer) Bates. They preceded him in death.

He married Ellen M. McNabb on May 15, 1955, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William A. Bates of Auburn and Robert Bates of Texas; a daughter, Nancy E. Bates of New Hartford, Conn.; a sister, Ruth Freed of Hillsdale, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Allison Bates and Ashley Bates.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Orson Bates and Dr. Morton Bates; and two sisters, Helen Carpenter and Katherine Roach.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Lions Club Scholarship Fund and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished to include a photograph and additional information.*

Kristy Okuly

FORT WAYNE — Kristy M. Okuly, 44, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Okuly

Born in Fort Wayne, she worked at Parkview Memorial Hospital for 25 years. She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church. She enjoyed the lake, outdoors and spending time with family, friends and colleagues at work.

Surviving are her husband, Dan Okuly of Roanoke; two sons, Matthew Okuly of North Carolina and Shawn Okuly; a daughter, Deserae Okuly; her parents, David and Suzanne Cserep of Auburn; two brothers, Scott Derrow of Indianapolis and Randy Derrow of Lawson, Mo.; two stepbrothers, David Cserep Jr. of Auburn and Daniel Cserep of Chalmers, Ind.; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Paul and Pat Okuly of Huntington.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Deserae's Education Fund or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Joseph Travis

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph W. Travis, 72, of Kendallville died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Travis

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served during the Korean War.

He married Junine Frances Ellis on Nov. 10, 1956, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Travis was employed for 30-plus years with General Telephone Co. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1996.

He was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church in Kendallville. He especially enjoyed spending time his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Travis was a pilot and loved flying small aircraft. He also home-built four airplanes and built wooden sailboats. He was also was a short wave radio operator.

Mr. Travis was born in Columbia City on Nov. 8, 1934, to Merle and Dorothy Lucille (Howey) Travis and graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1953. He also attended Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne and Taylor University.

Survivors include his wife, of Kendallville; two daughters, Kathy Travis of Des Moines, Iowa, and Beth Garrett of Kendallville; his son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Ceri Travis of Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Kaity and Logan Garrett of Kendallville and Amanda and Kyle Travis of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Lee and Ann Travis of Fort Wayne; and nephews Mark, Rick and Dan Travis, all of Indianapolis, and David Travis of Elizabethtown.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Travis in 1972.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Wayne Center United Methodist Church, Kendallville, the Rev. John S. Maxson officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County. Casketbearers will be David Travis, Craig Meyers, Don Chapman, Jack Garrett, Bryan Garrett and John Clifton.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before the funeral service on Sunday.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Patricia Childress

ANGOLA — Patricia Roberson Childress died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Sarah Herron

FORT WAYNE — Sarah L. Herron, 34, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kendallville. Her favorite saying was "I do love you."

Survivors include her mother, Deb Herron; a sister, Christy Morr of Fort Wayne; brothers Michael and John Herron, both of Kendallville; a stepsister, Sonnie Elizabeth Gutierrez of Kendallville; a niece, Peyton Parker of Fort Wayne; two nephews, Andrew Morr and Carter Morr, both of Fort Wayne; grandparents, Carl Pulver Sr. of Kendallville, Barbara Pulver of Crescent City, Fla., and Beulah and Gerald Herron of Kendallville; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

Celebration of Life will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 700 E. Hopewell Road, Avilla, the Rev. Kennard Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Memorials are to Foundations of Noble County or Rise Sheltered Workshop.

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Larry Bolen Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Larry Bolen Sr., 49, died Wednesday evening as the result of a car accident north of Kendallville on Angling Road.

Mr. Bolen was born in Garrett on Aug. 6, 1957, to Richard and Junell (Taulbee) Bolen.

Mr. Bolen was employed with Tower Automotive for about 15 years and also at Kendallville Foundry in earlier years. He attended Harbor Of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville.

He loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and earned a black belt in karate. He also enjoyed being around people.

Survivors include his father, of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jamie Bolen Jr. of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Kristie and Bill Frank of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Austin Bolen, Jordan Frank, Kaylee Bolen, Skyler Bolen and Danielle Frank; a twin brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Mara Bolen of Rome City; a brother, Billie Bolen and his friend, Sally Watson, both of Mongo; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Verlo Bontrager of LaGrange and Shirley and Olie Smith of Howe.

He was preceded in death by his mother in April 1972.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville, the Rev. Charles Mosley and Pastor Earl Rose officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Sunday anytime after 3 p.m. at the church. There will also be services at 7 p.m.

Preferred memorials may be made to family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Pauletta Merrill

FORT WAYNE — Pauletta Merrill, 91, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Frankfort, she retired from L.S. Ayres and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and was an officer for ABWA.

Survivors include children Janielle Coghill and her husband, Bruce, of Burlington, Wash., Steve "Brad" Merrill and his wife, Ginny, of Albion, Janice Lopshire and her husband, Larry, of Greenwood and Ronald Merrill and his wife, Lynn, of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. Merrill, in 1981; a brother, Ronald Gough; and a granddaughter, Katie Merrill.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., the Rev. L. Stephen Cain officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Donald Shoudel

Mr. Shoudel

CHURUBUSCO — Donald J. Shoudel, 72, of Churubusco died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness.

He retired in 1996 from the Allen County Highway Department after 23 years. He was also engaged in farming.

Mr. Shoudel was born on Sept. 23, 1934, in DeKalb County to Albert C. and Oleva (Schortgen) Shoudel. He married Mary M. Meyer on June 5, 1958, in Bradenton, Fla.

Surviving are his wife; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Tera Shoudel of Garrett and Edward A. "Ted" and Sam Shoudel of Churubusco; one daughter, Barbara Shoudel of Wolcottville; two grandchildren, Jamie and Kyle Shoudel; and one great-granddaughter, Haylee Shoudel.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Cleo and Leonard Shoudel.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Norman Conklin officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Janice Wells

KENDALLVILLE — Janice Lavone "Tootie" Wells, 72, of Kendallville died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at 4:35 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wells

An avid doll maker and homemaker, Mrs. Wells was a lifetime resident of Kendallville.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1934, in Kendallville to Gerald and Bertha (Greenwalt) Hoover. She married Max E. Wells on July 4, 1959, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Dinah Pierson of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Wilbur VanAuken of Rome City; one brother and his wife, Kenneth and Nancy Hoover of Burr Oak, Mich; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sandra Pierson; and two stepsons, Terry Lee Wells and Terry Allen Wells.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Revs. Zondra and Carter Hicks officiating. Burial will take place at Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Shawn Hoover, Ryan Kyle, Don Long, Bruce Henry, George Fromm and Brent Olsen.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Martha Pettigrew

COLUMBIA CITY — Martha Ellen Pettigrew, 76, of Columbia City, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at 4:47 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A graduate of Huntertown High School, Mrs. Pettigrew was a homemaker her entire life. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and watching birds. She was a member of Centerview Community Church in South Whitley.

She was born June 6, 1930, to Alpheus Abraham and Ruth Matilda Hanna (Roberson) Gordon in Whitley County. She married Charles Ivan Pettigrew on April 21, 1950, at the Nazarene Parsonage in Churubusco by the Rev. Jesse R. Martin.

Surviving are her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel Lee and Debra Pettigrew of Columbia City and David A. and Cindy Pettigrew of South Whitley; two sisters, Lee H. Reinewald of Kendallville and Grace Ewald of Colorado; four brothers, Don Gordon of Monroeville, Dale Gordon of Avilla, Wayne Gordon of Pensacola, Fla., and Phil Gordon of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Terry Lynn Pettigrew and Donald Ivan Pettigrew.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Roy Blake of Centerview Community Church officiating. Burial will take place at Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to demoneygrimes.com.

William Tuttle

BRISTOL — William J. Tuttle, 72, of Bristol died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at his residence after a one-year battle with cancer.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Tuttle was a musician for 19 years with the band We Three, and worked 31 years at Dana Corp. in Andrews. He was a member of the Elkhart Moose and V.F.W. of Warsaw.

Mr. Tuttle

He was born Oct. 19, 1934, to Harold and Helen Tuttle in Hammond. He married Bethel Tuttle on April 15, 2006. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Diane Herring of New Haven and Victoria Oldenburg and her husband, Ron, of Bristol; five stepsons and their wives, Kevin and Sharon Herring of Huntington, Robert and Betty Herrington of Huntington, John and Jessica Drake of Bristol, Michael and Anita Drake of Bristol, and Jeff Drake of Elkhart; two sisters, Dorothy Lay of Lafontaine and Linda and Jack Hiple of Zanesville; a brother, Robert Tuttle of Zephyrhills, Fla; 13 stepgrandchildren; and 23 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Glorianna Herring; and a brother, Harold "Mike" Tuttle.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Jack Carry, Father Chris Smith and Vickie Oldenburg officiating. Burial will take place at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be Sunday from to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com

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Robert Shelton

CHURUBUSCO — Robert B. "Big Don" Shelton, 71, of Churubusco died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shelton

He had worked for many years in the coal mines in Virginia and most recently worked as a foreman for S.E. Jahn Roofing Co. in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

He was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Raven, Va., to Troy and Eleanor (Johnson) Shelton. He was married on Jan. 14, 1956, in Columbus, Ohio, to Oweda J. Brown. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ben and Scharon Shelton Jr. of Fort Wayne, Carl P. and Chrisanda Shelton of Churubusco, and Nicholas J. Shelton of Greenville, Pa.; one brother, Edward Eugene Shelton of Richland, Va.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Jack Sargent of North Carolina, and Jane and Clifford Church of Vansant, Va.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Burial will follow at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Monday at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home before the services.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Benjamin Clifton

FORT WAYNE — Senior Airman Benjamin J. Clifton, 23, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006 in Bonham, Texas.

Born in Auburn, he was serving his country in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas.

Surviving are his parents, Gary and Kathi Clifton of Spencerville; a daughter, Amiya M. Smith of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Mike Clifton of Spencerville and Bill Albertson in the U.S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Chuck Clifton, in 2001.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Fort Wayne. The Rev. Matthew Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center or SCAN.

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Holidays were special for Gene Julian

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Gene and Barb Julian pose with their grandchildren, Addison, left, and Austin. Gene died on Oct. 21 after battling pancreatic cancer.

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BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — The holidays are going to be a little sad for the Gene Julian family this year.

"Dad always lit up around the holidays," said Rob Julian, the second oldest of Gene's three sons. "It was definitely his favorite time of year."

Max Eugene "Gene" Julian died on Oct. 21, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on July 19. He was 58.

Thanksgiving was difficult to get through, Rod said. And with Christmas coming, he knows there will be some rough days ahead.

"Dad liked to light up the neighborhood with his outdoor lights," Rod said with a smile in his voice. "He loved Christmas shopping … he'd shop right up until they shut the stores down on Christmas Eve."

The grim news of Gene's illness came on the heels of a joyous event for the Julian family.

"He was diagnosed the same day our granddaughter Addison was born," said Barb Julian, Gene's wife of 35 years. Barb said Gene's cancer was attributed to exposure to Agent Orange while he was serving during the Vietnam War.

"He didn't talk about his time in Vietnam much," Barb said. "It was pretty hard for him. He was at Hamburger Hill, and he saw a lot of his buddies get killed or shot. But that's really all he talked about much."

"We would always go to Cubs games in the spring," Rod said.

Addison's birth was a family milestone. The Julians have three sons, and they had a grandson, Austin, who is almost 2.

"She was the first girl," Barb said. "So he was pretty excited about her."

Gene's family will do whatever they can to make sure Austin, Addison and any other future grandchildren will remember their grandfather.

"We've saved a lot of pictures," Barb said. "We have his equipment — he loved his trucks and tractors — and we have his memorabilia from the service. We're going to try to put all that together for them, and we also have a video."

Rod said his father was "like two different people."

"He was very hard-working and dedicated to his family. He worked extraordinarily hard, but in his downtime he loved to relax," he said.

Gene was an owner of Tri-Angle Earth Moving Inc., which has done numerous municipal and private projects in the area.

Rod said the family is still coming to grips with their loss.

"The reality's still setting in," he said. "It's hard to get your mind around how something like this could happen to an otherwise healthy person. We all know what cancer is, but it's so hard when it hits close to home. It's very frustrating and hard to understand."

Gene was a radio operator for the Army 101st Airborne.

"So he was a prime target," Barb said. "It was probably a pretty scary thing."

But it was in the middle of his military service that Barb and Gene met.

"He was home on leave and we were at a New Year's Eve party," Barb said. "We were at a friend's lake cottage."

Shortly after they met on New Year's Eve 1969, Gene had to go back to Colorado where he was stationed. He returned home the following March, and Barb was waiting for him. They were married on Sept. 4, 1971.

The first thing Barb noticed about Gene was his quiet demeanor.

"I remember how quiet he was," she said. "He would just sit back and watch what was going on. And he had a nice smile."

Barb remembered her husband as a civic-minded man.

"He was always very involved in the community," she said. "He was always interested in what was being built and what was going on."

Gene loved the outdoors.

"He loved going hunting with his sons," Barb said.

Gene enjoyed all different types of sports. He was a NASCAR and Indy Racing enthusiast (Mark Martin was his favorite NASCAR driver), and Rod said he also loved the Indianapolis Colts, Chicago Bears and Indiana University Hoosiers basketball.

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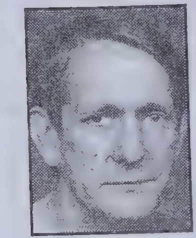
Shelby Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Shelby Miller, 66, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at his home in Kendallville. He had battled lung cancer for nearly two years.


Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was born March 1, 1940, in Hindman, Ky., to Henry and Sadie (Napier) Miller. On Aug. 20, 1960, he married Barbara Hamann in Knott County, Ky. She survives.

He resided in Kendallville from 1960 to 1964, and moved back in 1973. He officially retired from Auburn Gear in 2005 where he had worked for 32 years.

Mr. Miller was an amateur radio enthusiast and, for many years, was a part-time TV and radio repairman. He loved University of Kentucky basketball. For 23 years, he was an active member of and contact person for Alcoholics Anonymous.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three sisters and his children, Stephen Miller of Kendallville; Teresa Freeman and her husband, Doug, of LaOtto; Rebecca Szeles and her husband, David, of Valdosta, Ga.; Amanda Miller of Indianapolis; and a daughter-in-law, Amy Miller of Indianapolis. He also is survived by six grandchildren and a great-grandson, Adrianna Sorrentino and her son, Evan Eutsey, of Elkhart; Nathan Sorrentino and Emma Szeles of Valdosta, Ga.; C.J. and Celia Freeman of LaOtto; and Alexandria Miller of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 10 brothers and sisters, and a son, Jonathan Miller, who died Nov. 13, 2005.

A service will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Matthew 25, 413 E. Jefferson Street, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net

Gene Earnhart

AVILLA — Gene E. Earnhart, 75, of Avilla died at 4:10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at the family residence in Green Township, Noble County. His health had been failing since May.

Mr. Earnhart

He was born Oct. 10, 1931, in Kosciusko County near Pierceton, the son of Arby N. and Mary (Doke) Earnhart, both of whom are deceased. He moved as a infant with his parents to Noble County and spent his formative years in Green Township. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1950.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. In Noble County on Jan. 17, 1954, he married Bonnie L. Renkenberger. She survives. The couple has lived all of their married lives in Green Township, the past 48 years in their present home.

He was employed for 29 years at Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn, retiring in 1993. A member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, he enjoyed volunteering at his church as well as gardening and woodworking.

Also surviving are his children and spouses, Edgar G. and Marjory Earnhart of Hilton, N.Y., Irene S. and Ken Miller of Elkhart, Mindy L. Earnhart of Indianapolis, and Brian J. and Mollie Earnhart of Zionsville; two sisters, Martha Smith of Avilla and Annamae Earnhart of Churubusco; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, James and Mary Jane Earnhart, Dean and Peggy Earnhart and Frederic Earnhart, all of Albion; and five grandchildren, Nicholas Earnhart, Kathleen Earnhart, Gregory Earnhart, Julie Earnhart and Jennifer Miller.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with Dr. Leonard King, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial is in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco or one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Memorials are to the Calvary United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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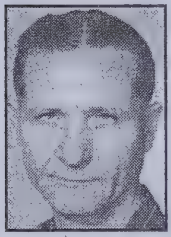
Wilbur Croy

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wilbur C. Croy, 85, of Adams Lake in Wolcottville, died unexpectedly Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange. He had been a resident of the Miller's Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange since July.

He was born June 11, 1922, in Albion, the son of John and Gracie (Deck) Croy.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II, where he received the Purple Heart for wounds received during combat. While recovering from his wounds in England, he met and married Lillian Williams in about 1946. She died in England in 1985. He was also the recipient of the Bronze Star.

He had worked for Old Crown Brewery in Fort Wayne until that plant closed and was then a self-employed truck driver in New York. He moved back to the LaGrange area in 1987. He was a member of the Churubusco American Legion and the Eagles Lodge in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Croy

He is survived by one sister, Mildred A. Foote of rural Columbia City, and a niece and caregiver, Donna (Stanley) High of Fort Wayne.

He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Ethel Byerley and Mabel Greenwell, and a brother, Albert Croy.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Burial is in Riverview Cemetery on Carroll Road in Allen County.

Calling is Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Thelma Moody

AUBURN — Thelma N. Moody, 98, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born August 14, 1908 in Pomeroy, Ohio, to Dana R. and Julia Alice (Cromer) Starkey.

In addition to being a homemaker, she worked several years at W.A. McNaughton Co. in Muncie before moving to Auburn in 1938. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She was a 50-year member of the Auburn Eastern Star and founded the Muncie/Auburn Club. She was the first to work for Meals on Wheels in this area. She married Phillip Moody on June 9, 1929, in Muncie. He died March 19, 1986.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, James and Donnasu Moody of Tinley Park, Ill., and a grandson, Erick Moody, also of Tinley Park, Ill.

Auburn Eastern Star services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Church in Auburn.

Estelle Lemmon

MARION, Ill. — Estelle Lemmon, 83, of Marion, Ill. died Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at her residence.

She was born on Oct. 10, 1923 in Buckholts, Texas, to John and Tressie (Jurca) Zajicek, both of whom are deceased. She married Fred B. Lemmon on Aug. 26, 1943 in Ripley, Tenn. He preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 2001.

She was a member of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion and a lifelong member of the Marion Hospital Auxiliary. She worked for her husband as a bookkeeper.

Survivors include a son, Gary Lemmon of Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Russell Chiaventone of Herrin, Ill.; two brothers, Vince Zajicekl and L.D. Zajicek, both of Houston, Texas; five sisters and one brother-in-law, Mickie Telschow, Johnnie Truett, Maxine Norman and Doris and Sam Ricotta, all of Houston, and Evelyn Webster of Point Blank, Texas; a sister-in-law, Edith Zajicek; four grandchildren, Leila Hunt and Kaitlin, Leah and Kyle Chiaventone; and a great-grandson, Cole Hunt.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Zajicek and Marvin Zajicek; and two sisters, Olga Fuchs and Tillie Luksa.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Aldersgate United Methoidst Church in Marion with the Rev. Roger Perry and the Rev. Joye Perry officiating. Burial is in the Houston VA National Cemetery in Houston.

Calling is Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Blue Funeral Home in Marion.

Memorials are to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, and may be sent in care of the Blue Funeral Home, P.O. Box 411, Marion, IL 62959.

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Kenneth Green

ROME CITY — Kenneth E. Green, 51, of Rome City died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at 1:16 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He was born May 9, 1955, in Willard, Ohio to Corbit and Corene (Terry) Green. Both survive.

Mr. Green

As a young boy he moved to Kendallville from Kentucky. On Aug. 11, 2000 in Tennessee he was married to Sue (Varner) Knapp Green. She survives. He was employed by International Wire in Kendallville from 1978 to 1999, and Dalton Corp. in Kendallville from 1999 until his death. He attended the First Baptist Church of Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Duane Anthony and Dusti Green of Auburn; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Lisa and Rick Coker of Wolcottville; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Thomas J. Miller of Rome City, and Michael and Renee Knapp of Greenfield; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Jim Manns and Wilma and Bob Manns, all of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Barb Green of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Makyle Green, Casey Pontius, Matthew Coker, Adam Coker, Danyelle Miller and Skylar Knapp; five step grandchildren, Nicole and Randy Oliver, Randy Wiley and Jonathon and Mindy Wilcox; and five step great-grandchildren, Payton Oliver, Colton Oliver, Kaitlyn Wilcox, Noah Wilcox and Mya Wiley.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial is in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and Tuesday from 2 p.m. until midnight at the Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. There will be a special service at the church at 6 p.m.

Honorary casketbearer is Duane Green. Casketbearers are Milford Terry, Rodney Manns, Jamie Manns, Percy Young, Cory Green, Donny Green, Tom Miller and Mike Knapp.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Robert Shelton

CHURUBUSCO — Robert B. Shelton, 71, of Churubusco died unexpectedly Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Raven, Va., to Troy and Eleanor (Johnson) Shelton, who are both deceased. He was united in marriage on Jan. 14, 1956 in Columbus, Ohio, to Oweda J. Brown. She survives.

Mr. Shelton

He had worked for many years in the coal mines of Virginia and most recently worked as a foreman for S.E. Jahn Roofing Company in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ben Jr. and Scharon Shelton of Fort Wayne; Carl P. and Chrisandra Shelton of Churubusco, and Nicholas J. Shelton of Greenville, Penn.; a brother, Edward Eugene Shelton of Richland, Va.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Jack Sargent of North Carolina and Jane and Clifford Church of Vansant, Va.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Cecil George officiating. Burial is in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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November 27, 2006, Monday

Richard Watson

MIDDLEBURY — Richard D. Watson, 93, of Middlebury died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at Beverly Living Care Center, Elkhart. He had been there less than a day.

Mr. Watson

He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran. He was one of the first African-American candidates accepted into the U.S. Army Engineer Officer Candidate Course in the engineer school at Fort Belvoir, Va. He graduated top of his class.

He commanded troops in the Battle of the Bulge and throughout France and Great Britain during World War II. He commanded three POW camps in Dusse, France.

He was awarded two Bronze Stars, and the World War II Medal and Ribbon of Victory.

In 1947, he worked at Clapp's Baby Food Co., and in 1949 the company became Whitehall Laboratories.

He worked at Railway Express, and Whitehall Laboratories in Elkhart from 1946 to 1965, then retired from the AFL-CIO.

He organized Whitehall Laboratories' OCAW Local 7515.

Mr. Watson was one of the first African-American presidents of any organized union, and the first African-American International Representative for the OCAW and one of the first African-Americans on the board of the AFL-CIO.

He was an active member of the Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren since 1947, and served with his wife, Harriet, as foster parents for Elkhart County Welfare Services from 1950 to 1965.

He served by special appointment on the Elkhart City Council in the early 1950s, and enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening and mowing his grass.

On July 19, 1913, in Little Rock, Ariz., he was born to William and Rhoda (Nichols) Watson. He married Harriet A. Flowers in Racine, Wis., on July 15, 1945. She survives. He moved from Chicago to Middlebury in 1946.

Also surviving are a daughter, Rhoda Weaver-Watson of Granger; a son, Paul R. Watson of Indianapolis; two sisters, Clementine and Hazel Bradley, both of St. Louis, Mo.; and a granddaughter, Richelle Weaver-Watson of Granger.

Preceding him in death were four sons, Fenton, Edward, John and Evander Watson, and two daughters, Carolyn Harris and Helen Davis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren, Middlebury, with the Revs. Jack Cary and Ted Eash officiating. Military graveside services will follow at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Ryan's Place.

Condolences may be e-mailed to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Katie Bontreger

MIDDLEBURY — Katie Mabel Bontreger, 93, of rural Middlebury died at 11:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at her residence.

She had lived in the Middlebury area since 1969, coming from Plain City. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

On May 2, 1913, in Plain City, Ohio, she was born to Abraham J. and Katie (Schlabach) Kramer. She married Eli M. Bontreger on Dec. 14, 1939, in Shipshewana. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David E. and Ruth Bontreger of Shipshewana, Jonas E. and Betty Sue Bontreger of Goshen, and Allen E. and Arlene Bontreger of Middlebury; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susie Bontreger of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mary and Ivan W. Miller of Middlebury; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were four brothers, John, Noah, Ralph and Joseph Kramer, six sisters, Mary Kauffman, Amanda Beachy, Florence Yutzy, Sarah Miller, Clara Gingrich and Emma Yoder, and her parents.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence with Bishop Phillip Schwartz and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is after 3 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Condolences may be e-mailed to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Sheila Hopson

ASHLEY — Sheila L. Hopson, 43, of Ashley died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006.

Mrs. Hopson was born Aug. 6, 1963, in Ohio to Esquire Jr. and Manualia "Red" (Wallace) Slone. She married Sherman "Jack" Hopson in 1981, and he survives.

She was a homemaker.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Randy Wall of Pleasant Lake; five sisters, Terease Hyden of Prestonburg, Ky., Crystal Myers and Lindsay Smith, both of Ashley, Dedra Field of Newbury, Ohio, and Tracy Kracheck of Georgia; two brothers, Jeffrey Slone of Prestonburg and David Slone of Ashley; three grandchildren, Haley Armstrong, Miranda Wall and Isaac Wall; her mother-in-law, Jacqueline Curtis of Kentucky; her father-in-law, Jack Hopson of Angola; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Trinity Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include additional information.*

Sarah Herron

FORT WAYNE — Sarah L. Herron, 34, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at home in Fort Wayne.

Her favorite saying was "I do love you."

She was born in Kendallville to Johnny and Deb Herron.

Survivors include her father and mother; a stepmother, Natalie Gutierrez-Herron of Kendallville; a sister, Christy Morr of Fort Wayne; brothers Michael and John Herron, both of Kendallville; a stepsister, Sonnie Elizabeth Gutierrez of Kendallville; a niece, Peyton Parker of Fort Wayne; two nephews, Andrew Morr and Carter Morr, both of Fort Wayne; grandparents, Carl Pulver Sr. of Kendallville, Barbara Pulver of Crescent City, Fla., and Beulah and Gerald Herron of Kendallville; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

Celebration of Life was at 11 a.m. today at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 700 E. Hopewell Road, Avilla, the Rev. Kennard Robinson officiating. Burial was in Hopewell Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Avilla.

Memorials are to Foundations of Noble County or Rise Sheltered Workshop.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Goble

GOSHEN — Ronald "Ronnie" Goble, 65, of Goshen died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006.

He was born in New Paris and attended Goshen Pentecostal Church.

He worked for a number of years at Art Bailey's Hauling Service, among other jobs. He was known as a hard worker.

Mr. Goble enjoyed collecting toy trucks and cars as a hobby.

Some of his favorite hangouts were John Hall's Tru Value Hardware, Goshen Antique Mall, the Deals Dollar Store, both Wal-Mart stores and First United Methodist Church for his Wednesday night meals. He rode the Goshen trolley buses daily.

A sister and his parents preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Hess Cemetery, Goshen, with Pastor Craig Gerber officiating.

There is no calling.

Kline Funeral Home, Millersburg, assisted with arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 28, 2006, Tuesday

Katherine 'Kate' Clady

GARRETT — Katherine C. "Kate" Clady, 68, of Garrett died Monday, Nov. 27, 2006, at her home in Garrett.

Mrs. Clady

Mrs. Clady worked as a baker at the Owens Bakery for 30 years, retiring in 2000.

She was born Jan. 9, 1938, in St. Joe, to Harry E. and Lula (Lutz) Shuff. They preceded her in death.

She married Jack W. Clady on March 27, 1956, in DeKalb County. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Troy W. Clady and Todd E. Clady, both of Garrett; six daughters and four sons-in-law, Denise E. Parker of Garrett, Jackie L. Huff and Vallis Huff Jr. of Garrett, and Kim J. and Clarence Thomson, Marsha A. Warfield, Karen D. and Glen Slone and Jennifer D. and Zack McPherson, all of Auburn; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jim and Shelba Shuff of Garrett, Chalmer Shuff of Glendale, Ariz., and Bill and Vivian Shuff of Fontana, Calif.; eight sisters and two brothers-in-law, Jackie Walker, Janice Witte, Roseann and Larry Kinsey and Joan Mills, all of St. Joe, Shirley Chapman of Butler, Faye Tarlton and Claudia Hulbert, both of Auburn, and Mary and Gerry Snook of Garrett; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert "Bob" Shuff, Franklin Shuff, Harry Shuff Jr. and Maurice "Bud" Shuff, and two sisters, Linda Sattison and Kaye Ells.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Richard Pickard and Eddie Clark officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Research Fund or Parkview Hospice.

Joyce Iannetti

BUTLER — Joyce K. Iannetti, 56, of Butler died Monday. Nov. 27, 2006, at The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Iannetti

She worked as a certified nurse's aide at Harbor Side Nursing Home and Hillside Nursing Home. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Butler and Bryan.

She was born April 20, 1950, in Bryan, Ohio, to Darold and Effie (Waller) Calvin. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Anthony J. "Tony" and Jill Iannetti of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Luke Cape of Edgerton, Ohio; a brother, Dave Calvin of Napoleon, Ohio; two sisters, Phyllis Mann of Bryan, Ohio, and Violet Lee of Redoes, N.M.; and five grandchildren, Brittany Iannetti, Adam Iannetti, Tommy Iannetti, Devin Cape and Ally Cape.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dixie Spoor and Lucille Calvin, and one brother, Dick Calvin.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund for her five grandchildren in the care of Tina Cape or Heartland Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 28, 2006, Tuesday

Marilyn Hulen

KENDALLVILLE — Marilyn J. Hulen, 68, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 27, 2006, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Hulen

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1957.

In 1967, the Hulens started Hulen's Landscaping Inc. on Waits Road east of Kendallville. The family business now operates three miles west of Kendallville on U.S. 6.

Mrs. Hulen loved being around her family and friends. She enjoyed gardening and sewing, bird watching, putting puzzles together and reading.

On Sept. 5, 1938, she was born in Kendallville to Clarence and Leora (Landis) Perkins. She married Richard L. Hulen on Aug. 17, 1957, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tina and Mark Cain, and Jeana and Mike Miller, all of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Justin and Devin Cain and Matthew Miller; three great-grandchildren, Trace and Madison Cain and Tricia; a sister, Annebelle Conrad of Newport Richey, Fla.; and a brother, Arnold Perkins of Wolcottville.

Her parents and a brother, Morris Perkins, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Pallbearers will be Mark, Justin and Devin Cain, Mike Miller, Josh Collar and Jeremy McBride.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the services Wednesday at the funeral home.

View a memorial video tribute or e-mail condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct a reporter's error.*

Sheila Hopson

ASHLEY — Sheila L. Hopson, 43, of Ashley died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006.

Mrs. Hopson was born Aug. 6, 1963, in Ohio to Esquire Jr. and Manualia "Red" (Wallace) Slone. She married Sherman "Jack" Hopson in 1981, and he survives.

She was a homemaker.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Randy Wall of Pleasant Lake; five sisters, Terease Hyden of Prestonburg, Ky., Crystal Myers and Lindsay Smith, both of Ashley, Dedra Fidel of Newbury, Ohio and Tracy Kracheck of Georgia; two brothers, Jeffrey Slone of Prestonburg and David Slone of Ashley; three grandchildren, Haley Armstrong, Miranda Wall and Isaac Wall; her mother-in-law, Jacqueline Curtis of Kentucky; her father-in-law, Jack Hopson of Angola; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Trinity Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Margaret Chattin

GOSHEN — Margaret Elizabeth Chattin, 90, of Goshen died at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at Greencroft Healthcare, Goshen.

On Dec. 2, 1915, in Goshen, she was born to Louis and Leota (Green) Mougeotte. She married Carl L. Chattin in Goshen on May 31, 1955. He preceded her in death on Dec. 26, 1969.

She worked at Goshen Stamping and Tool as the corporate secretary for 41 years.

Mrs. Chattin was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and past president of the church's altar rosary society. She was also a member of Delta Chi Sigma Sorority, Altrusa International of Elkhart County, and affiliated with several committees of Goshen Hospital Health Care Foundation.

Surviving are a stepdaughter and her spouse, Mary Alice and Fred Saunders of Angola; a sister, Rosevelyn Wantz of Elkhart; two stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Maurice Mougeotte, on Feb. 5, 1946.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Goshen with Father Chris Smith of the church officiating. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, 311 S. Main St., Goshen, with rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the church or Goshen Hospital Health Care Foundation.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.rrefh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 29, 2006, Wednesday

Richard Becker Jr.

LIGONIER — Richard Wayne Becker Jr., 42, of Ligonier died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Becker Jr.

He was born Nov. 3, 1964, in Kendallville to Richard and Georgiana Becker, who survive. His stepmother, Anna Elaine Becker, also survives.

He worked in the recreational vehicle industry until he was disabled in 2005. He loved music, collecting knives and gardening, and especially enjoyed working with roses. He was associated with the Ligonier United Methodist Church. He had lived for nearly 10 years in Colorado prior to returning to Ligonier, where he made his home.

On Aug. 29, 1992, he married Donna Branam, who survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Katherine Branam of Boise, Idaho, and Gary and Julianne Cooley of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, April and Jonathan Magnus of Ligonier; two brothers, Randy Becker and Rick Treft, both of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Renee Treft of Kendallville and Michelle and Shawn Meaker of Austin, Texas; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 4 p.m. in The CrossWalk at Ligonier United Methodist Church. The Rev. Michael Heinbaugh will officiate. Cremation has taken place and private family graveside services will be at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to his wife, Donna, in memory of a loving father and husband.

Kline Funeral Home of Millersburg is handling arrangements.

Margaret Morgan

AVILLA — Margaret R. Morgan, 89, of Avilla and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 27, 2006, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Morgan was a retired buyer for L.S. Ayres.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was born Oct. 16, 1917, in McKeesport, Pa.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and April Bauch of Brooksville, Fla., and William "Bill" Bauch of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2213 Brooklyn Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Masses.

Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals is in charge of arrangements.

Waunetta Plumb

KENDALLVILLE — Waunetta I. Plumb, 92, of Kendallville and formerly of Wolcottville died at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include additional survivors.*

Carlton Erwin

ANGOLA — Carlton D. Erwin, 75, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Erwin was born Aug. 30, 1931, in Angola to Carl E. and Lillie M. (Rinehart) Erwin. He married Dorothy Robbins at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola on July 5, 1952. She survives.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-57.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1950. He worked for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 36 years as a maintenance supervisor, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and Angola Moose Lodge No. 1568. He was also a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Kathleen Erwin of Fort Wayne and Tim and Karen Erwin of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Tamy Persons of Auburn; a sister, Lila Allen of Auburn; three granddaughters, Angela Kiser of Churubusco and Melissa and Jessica Erwin, both of Fort Wayne; seven nieces and nephews and their spouses, Ken and Karen Shelton of Angola, Kent and Pat Shelton of Granger, Sandy Allen of Cincinnati, Ohio, Steve and Molly Allen of Auburn, Mike and Wendy Erwin, Kathy and Mike Davis and Karen and Roger Philpott, all of Texas; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Arthur Johne Erwin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences can be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Wava Smith

ELKHART — Wava Rose Smith, 88, of Elkhart died Monday, Nov. 27, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. Smith was born Oct. 16, 1918, in LaGrange County to Alvin C. and Rose (King) Williams. She was married to Ross A. Smith on June 8, 1941, in Angola. He preceded her in death on July 24, 2000.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and the church's Martha Circle. She was a member of the Married Women's Club, YWCA, Angola American Legion Post No. 31, Mom's Club and the Mr. and Mrs. Club.

She was a charter member of the Indiana Historical Radio Society. She enjoyed writing letters to her family and friends.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and James Wilson of Huntington; a son and daughter-in-law, Victor A. and Katie Smith of Indianapolis; three grandsons, two great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by two granddaughters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, with the Rev. William Hemmig officiating. There will also be a graveside service at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola at 2 p.m. Friday.

Calling will be Thursday at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, Elkhart, from 3 to 8 p.m. and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

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Larry Bolen, SR., 49

KENDALLVILLE – Larry Bolen, Sr., age 49, died Wednesday evening as the result of a car accident north of Kendallville on Angling Road.

Mr. Bolen was born in Garrett, Indiana on August 6, 1957 to Richard and Junell (Taulbee) Bolen.

In the past, Mr. Bolen was employed with Tower Automotive for about 15 years and also the Kendallville Foundry in earlier years. He attended the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church south of Kendallville.

Mr. Bolen loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and earned a black belt in karate.

He also enjoyed being around people.

Survivors include father, Richard Bolen of Wolcottville; son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jamie Bolen, Jr., Kendallville; daughter and son-in-law, Kristie and Bill Frank of Kendallville; five grandchildren; Austin Bolen, Jordan Frank, Kaylee Bolen, Skyler Bolen, and Danielle Frank; twin brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Mara Bolen of Rome City.; brother, Billie Bolen and his friend, Sally Watson both of Mongo; sisters and brother-in-laws, Linda and Verlo Bontrager of LaGrange, Shirley and Olie Smith of Howe.

Mr. Bolen was preceded in death by his mother, Junell Bolen, in April 1972.

Funeral Services were Monday, November 27, 2006 at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church. Officiated by Pastor Charles Mosley and Pastor Earl Rose.

Burial was at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Hite Funeral Home.

Wilbur C. Croy, 85

WOLCOTTVILLE – Wilbur C. Croy, 85, a resident of Adams Lake in Wolcottville, Indiana died unexpectedly Monday, November 20, 2006 in the Parkview LaGrange Hospital emergency room. He had been a resident of the Millers Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange since July of this year. Wilbur had worked for Old Crown Brewery in Fort Wayne until that plant closed and then was a self employed truck driver in New York. He moved back to the LaGrange area in 1987.

Wilbur was born June 11, 1921 in Albion, Indiana a son of the late John and Grace (Deck) Croy. As a young man he served with the U.S. Army during WWII, where he received the Purple Heart for wounds received during combat. While he was recovering from his wounds in England he met and married Lillian Williams in about 1946. She died in England in 1985. He was also the recipient of the Bronze Star. He was a member of the Churubusco American Legion and the Eagles Lodge in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr Croy is survived by one sister, Mildred L. Foote of rural Columbia City, Indiana and his niece and caregiver Donna (Stanley) High of Fort Wayne, Indiana. In addition to his wife he was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, Ethel Byerley and Mabel Greenwell, and a brother Albert Croy.

Funeral services were Wednesday, November 29, 2006 in Sheets and Childs Funeral Home where Pastor Larry Smith officiated. Burial was in the Riverview Cemetery on Carroll Road in Allen County, Indiana.

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Gene E. Earnhart, 75

AVILLA – Gene E. Earnhart, 75, a resident of rural Avilla, died at 4:10 p.m. Friday, November 24, 2006, at the family residence in Green Township. He had been in failing health since May.

Mr. Earnhart was born on October 10, 1931 in Kosciusko County near Pierceton, a son of Arby N. and Mary (Doke) Earnhart, and moved as an infant with his parents to Noble County. He spent his formative years in Green Township, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1950.

As a young man he served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and was married in Noble County on January 17, 1954 to Bonnie L. Renkenberger. The couple has lived all their married lives in Green Township, and had resided at their present home for the past 48 years.

He was employed for 29 years at Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn, retiring from there in 1993. A member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, he enjoyed volunteering at his church, as well as enjoying gardening and woodworking.

The surviving relatives include his wife Bonnie; his children Edgar G. (Marjory) Earnhart of Hilton, NY; Irene S. (Ken) Miller of Elkhart, Mindy L. Earnhart of Indianapolis, and Brian J. (Mollie) Earnhart of Zionsville: two sisters, Martha Smith of Avilla and Annamae Earnhart of Churubusco; three brothers, James (Mary Jane) Earnhart, Dean (Peggy) Earnhart, and Frederic Earnhart all of Albion; and five grandchildren, Nicholas Earnhart, Kathleen Earnhart, Gregory Earnhart, Julie Earnhart, and Jennifer Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with Dr. Leonard King, pastor of the church officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Sarah L. Herron, 34

FORT WAYNE - Sarah L. Herron, 34, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at home in Fort Wayne.

Her favorite saying was "I do love you."

She was born in Kendallville to Johnny and Deb Herron.

Survivors include her father and mother; a stepmother, Natalie Gutierrez-Herron of Kendallville; a sister, Christy Morr of Fort Wayne; brothers Michael and John Herron, both of Kendallville; a stepsister, Sonnie Elizabeth Gutierrez of Kendallville; a niece, Peyton Parker of Fort Wayne; two nephews, Andrew Morr and Carter Morr, both of Fort Wayne; grandparents, Carl Pulver Sr. of Kendallville, Barbara Pulver of Crescent City, Fla., and Beulah and Gerald Herron of Kendallville; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

Celebration of Life was Monday, November 27, 2006 at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 700 E. Hopewell Road, Avilla, the Rev. Kennard Robinson officiated. Burial was in Hopewell Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Avilla.

Memorials are to Foundations of Noble County or Rise Sheltered Workshop.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Estelle Lemmon, 83

MARION – Estelle Lemmon, 83, of Marion passed away at 9:05 AM, Friday, November 24, 2006 at her home.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 27, 2006 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion where Reverend Roger Perry and Reverend Joye Perry officiated. Burial was at Houston VA National Cemetery in Houston, Texas. Memorials may be made to Aldersgate United Methodist Church; envelopes are available at the funeral home and the church or may be sent c/o Blue Funeral Home, PO Box 411, Marion, IL 62959.

Mrs. Lemmon was born on October 10, 1923, in Buckholts, Texas to John and Tressie (Jurca) Zajicek. She married Fred B. Lemmon on August 26, 1943 in Ripley, Tennessee; he preceded her in death on February 13, 2001.

Survivors include son, Gary Lemmon of Texas; daughter and son-in-law Judy and Russell Chiaventone of Herrin; grandchildren Leila Hunt & Kaitlin, Leah and Kyle Chiaventone; great grandson, Cole Hunt; brothers, Vince Zajicek and L.D. Zajicek both of Houston, Texas; sisters, Mickie Telschow, Johnnie Truett, Maxine Norman; and Doris and Sam Ricotta all of Houston, Texas and Evelyn Webster of Point Blank, Texas; and sister-in-law, Edith Zajicek.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brothers, Robert Zajicek and Marvin Zajicek; and sisters Olga Fuchs and Tillie Luksa.

Mrs. Lemmon was active member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion. She was a life member of the Marion Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was a homemaker and she worked for her husband as a bookkeeper. She also helped with the Soup Kitchen, Meals on Wheels and was a member of the Home Extensions Association.

To view this obituary and sign the register book visit www.bluefuneralhome.com

Robert B. "Big Don" Shelton, 71

CHURUBUSCO - Robert B. "Big Don" Shelton, 71, a resident of Blue Ridge Trailer Park, Churubusco, died unexpectedly Thursday afternoon, Nov. 23, 2006, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had worked for many years in the coal mines in Virginia and most recently worked as a foreman for S.E. Jahn Roofing Co., Fort Wayne. He was a member of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam.

Mr. Shelton was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Raven, Va., the son of the late Troy and Eleanor (Johnson) Shelton. He was united in marriage on Jan. 14, 1956, in Columbus, Ohio, to Oweda J. Brown, who survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are their children, Ben (Scharon) Shelton Jr. of Fort Wayne, Carl P. (Chrisandra) Shelton of Churubusco, and Nicholas J. Shelton of Greenville, Pa.; one brother, Edward Eugene Shelton of Richland, Va.; two sisters, Betty (Jack) Sargent of North Carolina and Jane (Clifford) Church of Vansant, Va.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Burial was in the Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Martha Ellen Pettigrew, 76

COLUMBIA CITY - Martha Ellen Pettigrew, 76, of Columbia City, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at 4:47 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A graduate of Huntertown High School, Mrs. Pettigrew was a homemaker her entire life. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and watching birds. She was a member of Centerview Community Church in South Whitley.

She was born June 6, 1930, to Alpheus Abraham and Ruth Matilda Hanna (Roberson) Gordon in Whitley County. She married Charles Ivan Pettigrew on April 21, 1950, at the Nazarene Parsonage in Churubusco by the Rev. Jesse R. Martin.

Surviving are her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel Lee and Debra Pettigrew of Columbia City and David A. and Cindy Pettigrew of South Whitley; two sisters, Lee H. Reinewald of Kendallville and Grace Ewald of Colorado; four brothers, Don Gordon of Monroeville, Dale Gordon of Avilla, Wayne Gordon of Pensacola, Fla., and Phil Gordon of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Terry Lynn Pettigrew and Donald Ivan Pettigrew.

Services were Saturday, November 25, 2006 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Roy Blake of Centerview Community Church officiating. Burial was at Nolt Cemetery in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to demoneygrimes.com.

Loura Louise Nichols, 81

FORT WAYNE - Loura Louise Nichols, 81, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born Jan. 13, 1925, in Chicago, Ill.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Barb and Garland Bradley of South Bend and Deborah Kelsey of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Pam Nichols of Albion; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John R. Nichols; a son, Richard Kelsey; and a brother, David DeMarco.

Services were Sunday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Miller Road, Kendallville.

Arrangements are by Advantage Funeral and Cremations Services.

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Joseph W. Travis, 72

FORT WAYNE – Joseph W. Travis, age 72, died on Thursday, November 23, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Travis was born in Columbia City on November 8, 1934 to Merle and Dorothy Lucille (Howey) Travis and graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1953. He also attended I.U.P.U. in Fort Wayne and Taylor University.

Mr. Travis was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served during the Korean War.

He married Junine Frances Ellis on November 10,1956 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Travis was employed for 30+ years with General Telephone Company in Fort Wayne retiring 1996.

He was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

He especially enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Travis was a pilot and loved flying small aircraft. He also homebuilt four airplanes and built wooden sailboats. He was also a short wave radio operator.

Survivors include his wife, Junine Travis of Kendallville; two daughters, Kathy Travis of Des Moines, Iowa and Beth Garrett of Kendallville; son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Ceri Travis of Indianapolis; four grandchildren; Kaity and Logan Garrett of Kendallville and Amanda and Kyle Travis of Indianapolis; one brother and sister-in-law, Lee and Ann Travis of Fort Wayne four nephews; Mark, Rick, Dan Travis all of Indianapolis and David Travis of Elizabethtown, Indiana.

Mr.. Travis was preceded in death by parents and brother, James Travis (1972).

Funeral Services were Sunday, November 26, 2006 at 2:00PM at Wayne Center United Methodist Church, Kendallville. Officiated by Pastor John S. Maxson.

Burial was at Cedar Creek Cemetery in Dekalb County.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Casketbearers will be David Travis, Craig Meyers, Don Chapman, and Jack Garrett, Bryan Garrett, and John Clifton.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Donald J. Shoudel, 72

KENDALLVILLE – Donald J. Shoudel, 72, 17803 Fogel Road, Churubusco, died Nov. 23, 2006, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, following an extended illness. He retired from the Allen County Highway Department after 23 years of service and also was engaged in farming.

Mr. Shoudel was born Sept. 23, 1934, in DeKalb County, the son of the late Albert C. and Oleva (Schortgen) Shoudel. He married Mary M. Meyer June 5, 1958, in Bradenton, Fla. She survives, as do three children, Larry (Tera) Shoudel of Garrett, Edward A. "Ted" (Sam) Shoudel of Churubusco and Barbara Shoudel of Wolcottville; two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Cleo and Leonard.

Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 27, in the Sheets and Child Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Norman Conklin officiating.

Internment was in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials may be made to the Fort Wayne Risqué Mission or the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Deputies find man dead in apartment

BY BILL GISEL
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WATERLOO — A convicted felon who failed to report to the DeKalb County Jail to begin serving a sentence was found dead Wednesday morning in his Waterloo apartment, Sheriff John Dennis said.

Donahue

The body of Jack Alan Donahue, 50, was found by deputies who went to Donahue's apartment on South Wayne Street at 10:51 a.m. Wednesday.

Dennis said officers entered the apartment by removing a window air conditioner after they got no response by knocking.

According to Dennis, Donahue had made statements that "he would never make it in prison." When he failed to report to the jail as scheduled Tuesday, a warrant for his arrest was issued, Dennis said.

Donahue recently was convicted in DeKalb Superior Court of dealing drugs. Donahue had been arrested Oct. 27, 2005, as part of the largest felony drug investigation in DeKalb County history.

The sheriff said there were no signs of foul play. He said it appeared Donahue had been dead for about eight hours.

The DeKalb County coroner's office is investigating, he said.

James Cranfill III

HUDSON — James Martin Cranfill III, 59, of Hudson died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill since August.

He was employed with Atwood Mobile Products of LaGrange and was a member of Local No. 1417 U.A.W. of LaGrange.

Mr. Cranfill enjoyed fishing and hunting, playing pool and working on his 1966 Chevy Nova.

He was born in Boston, Mass., on April 24, 1947, to James M. Cranfill II and Marie (Doran) Cranfill. He married Sandra Louise Schuhler on April 16, 1966, at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, James M. Cranfill IV of Angola; two daughters, Heather Cranfill of Wolcottville and Angela Cranfill of Hudson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jackie Meyers of Fort Wayne and Terri and Mark Calvin of Frankfort; a brother and sister-in-law, Barry and Pam Cranfill of Deer Creek; and four grandchildren, Lexan, Logan, Layne and Lawson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Stroh.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Waunetta Plumb

KENDALLVILLE — Waunetta I. Plumb, 92, of Kendallville and formerly of Wolcottville died at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Plumb had lived in Wolcottville from 1948 to 2000. She had been a homemaker and had worked at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville for many years.

She was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

She was born Nov. 4, 1914, in Kendallville to Joseph J. and Levah (Frohnhafer) Nelson.

Surviving is a sister, Betty Whetstone of Union, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and six sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home chapel with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Linnemeier

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald C. Linnemeier, 77, of Tri-Lakes near Columbia City died at 7:28 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at his home. He had been in failing health for several months.

Mr. Linnemeier

Mr. Linnemeier had moved to Whitley County in 1949 from Allen County.

He was a farmer and had worked for 30 years as a machine operator at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne until his retirement in 1983.

Mr. Linnemeier was a member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Rock 'a Billy Squares.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Feb. 14, 1929, in Allen County to Herbert and Bertha (Thiele) Linnemeier. He married Grace Schrenk on Feb. 26, 1949, at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She died Nov. 6, 1992. He then married Barbara E. Fuller-Hook on March 12, 1994. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tamara and Robert Sunderland of Columbia City; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry and Donnette Linnemeier of Avilla, Douglas and Billie Hook of Fort Wayne and Christopher Hook of Columbia City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Darlene and Richard Smith of Noblesville and Marilyn and Larry Link of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Mary Linnemeier of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Sherry Linnemeier, and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Richard Smith officiating. Burial will be in Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Laura Herriott

FORT WAYNE — Laura A. Herriott, 86, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at her home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Larry Walkup

COLUMBIA CITY — Larry E. Walkup, 57, died at 10:04 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, in Columbia City.

He was born on April 5, 1949, in Crawley, W.Va., to Jasper Lawrence and Bernice (Burns) Walkup.

Mr. Walkup

His family moved to Indiana when he was 9 years old and made their home in the Kendallville. He graduated from high school with the first class to graduate from East Noble High School and completed his education in the Indiana Division of General Technical Studies in Fort Wayne.

He made his home in the Columbia City community for 36 years.

He was devoted to his children and grandchildren and believed that nothing was more important than family. He was adored in return and will be deeply missed.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lisa and Chad Noble of Ocala, Fla., and Leanne Shoppell of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Deb Walkup of Kendallville; and four grandchildren, Jamie Weir, Jasmine Weir, Jade Shoppell and Shaelyn Noble.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Robert McConnell officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Walkup family.

Condolences are to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Mildred 'Midge' Knott

AUBURN — Mildred L. "Midge" (Bassett) Knott, 96, of Auburn died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She worked as a supervisor for Kitchen Quip for 26 years, retiring in 1975.

She was born April 20, 1910, in Monroeville to Samuel G. and Martha J. (Haffner) Bassett. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, H. Robert and Marjorie Knott of Auburn and James C. Knott of Fort Charlotte, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Ruth Ann (Deetz) Knott; three sisters, Hazel Squire, Mabel Cook Squire and Irma Kuhlman; and three brothers, Leo Bassett, Paul Bassett and Frank Bassett.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital.

Patricia Childress

ANGOLA — Patricia Roberson Childress, 57, of Angola died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Childress was born May 2, 1949, in Kentucky to Paul and Ruby (Hopson) Stratton. She was a homemaker and loved to read.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Tonia Busler of Galion, Ohio; five daughters and a son-in-law, Tammy Roberson of Bucyrus, Ohio, Melissa and Erich James of Hudson, Erin Roberson and Tonya Griffitts, both of Pleasant Lake, and Aimee Roberson of Angola; two brothers, Jerry Stratton of Crestline, Ohio and James Stratton of Sunbury, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, Cody, Tre and Josh Roberson, Kelsea Chipman, Caitlyn Carper, Zachary and Alexis Griffitts, Bree and Brooke James, Jesse and Tyler Busler, Brandon Bachelder and Kristen Downs; and two great-grandchildren, Kaylee and Zoe Bachelder.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Roberson; a sister, Connie Stratton; and her parents.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family in care of Erin Roberson.

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WANE broadcaster Reid Chapman dies

FORT WAYNE — Reid Chapman, the man who managed WANE-TV Channel 15 during television's Golden Age, has died.

Chapman, 86, moved to Fort Wayne in 1956 from Indianapolis where he had hosted a variety show at WISH radio and was known as "Chuckles Chapman."

Under Chapman's management, WANE built a studio at its present location on West State Boulevard. He served as manager of WANE from 1958 until 1984. He may best be remembered as the host of "Meet the Manager," a show in which he took questions from TV viewers.

In 1991, he took over the Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service and retired from that position in 1993.

He was active in the Fort Wayne community and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1994 and in October received the Indiana Broadcaster Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Chapman is survived by six children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
November 30, 2006, Thursday

LaGrange man dies in accident

KENDALLVILLE — A LaGrange man was killed in a one-vehicle accident on Wednesday, Nov. 23, on C.R. 900N.

Larry Bolen, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

According to Noble County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Chad Willett, Bolen was driving a 1993 Chevy Beretta eastbound on C.R. 900N east of Anglin Road at approximately 6:38 p.m. when his vehicle crossed over the westbound lane and left the roadway.

Bolen's vehicle struck an earthen embankment, Willett said, ended up on its side and then struck a utility pole, which it sheared off. The vehicle came to rest on its top near 6666 E. C.R. 900 N.

According to Willett, police were unsure why Bolen's vehicle left the roadway. There were no skid marks at the scene to indicate he had tried to stop.

Marian Haakenson

MILLERSBURG — Marian Julia Haakenson, 78, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse after a short illness.

She was born Nov. 5, 1928, in Racine, Wis., to Edward and Julia Block.

She came to Indiana from Wisconsin and was a homemaker. She enjoyed crafts and gardening, especially roses.

She married Lloyd Haakenson on April 30, 1949. He preceded her in death on June 12, 1978.

She is survived by two daughters, Julie (Calvin) Kline, and Pamela (Willliam) Donat, both of Syracuse. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Michael Vanguard, Palatine, Ill., and Maren Wanggard of Menomenee Falls, Wis. She is also survived by two sisters, Mag Baker of Racine, Wis., and Margaret Lang of Fort Myers, Fla.

A brother, Nick Lasko also preceded her in death.

A private family service was held at Kline Funeral home in Millersburg on Tuesday.

Ronald Goble

GOSHEN — Ronald "Ronnie" Goble, 65, of Goshen died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006.

He was born in New Paris and attended Goshen Pentecostal Church.

He worked for a number of years at Art Bailey's Hauling Service, among other jobs. He was known as a hard worker.

Mr. Goble enjoyed collecting toy trucks and cars as a hobby.

Some of his favorite hangouts were John Hall's Tru Value Hardware, Goshen Antique Mall, the Deals Dollar Store, both Wal-Mart stores and First United Methodist Church for his Wednesday night meals. He rode the Goshen trolley buses daily.

A sister and his parents preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Hess Cemetery, Goshen, with Pastor Craig Gerber officiating.

There is no calling.

Kline Funeral Home, Millersburg, assisted with arrangements.

John Duesler

WAKARUSA — John Spencer Duesler, 37, of rural Wakarusa died at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at his residence.

He graduated from Northwood High School in 1988 and Purdue University in 1992 with a degree in engineering.

He was a software engineer at Control Development.

Mr. Duesler was a member of Wakarusa United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity and the church's men's group.

On Oct. 2, 1969 in Elkhart, he was born to Daniel and Barbara (Hoag) Duesler. He married Lori Jackson on July 30, 2002. She survives.

Also surviving are his parents; a daughter, Katherine Duesler of Ligonier; a stepson, Stephen Hettler of Ligonier; a sister, Andrea Duesler of Cromwell; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ray and Kim Duesler of Bedford, and Steve and Audry Duesler of Lafayette.

A private family service will be held with burial in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the trust fund for Katherine Duesler.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
November 30, 2006, Thursday

Richard Wayne Becker Jr.

LIGONIER — Richard Wayne Becker Jr., 42, of Ligonier died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Becker

He was born Nov. 3, 1964, in Kendallville to Richard and Georgiana Becker, who survive. His stepmother, Anna Elaine Becker, also survives.

He worked in the recreational vehicle industry until he was disabled in 2005. He loved music, collecting knives and gardening, and especially enjoyed working with roses. He was associated with the Ligonier United Methodist Church. He had lived for nearly 10 years in Colorado prior to returning to Ligonier, where he made his home.

On Aug. 29, 1992, he married Donna Branam, who survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Katherine Branam of Boise, Idaho, and Gary and Julianne Cooley of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, April and Jonathan Magnus of Ligonier; two brothers, Randy Becker and Rick Treft, both of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Renee Treft of Kendallville and Michelle and Shawn Meaker of Austin, Texas; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 4 p.m. in The CrossWalk at Ligonier United Methodist Church. The Rev. Michael Heinbaugh will officiate. Cremation has taken place and private family graveside services will be at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to his wife, Donna, in memory of a loving father and husband.

Kline Funeral Home of Millersburg is handling arrangements.

Doris "Peggy" Moore

SYRACUSE — Doris "Peggy" Moore, 80, of Syracuse died at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

She was born July 17, 1926, in Urbana to William and Demarace (Neal) Bowlin, who are both deceased. She married David K. Moore July 17, 1982. He survives. She lived in Indianapolis, moved to Peoria, Ill., in 1982, then to Syracuse in 1987 where she became a permanent resident.

She was a bookkeeper and co-owner of Wholesale Television in Indianapolis and served as administrator of the Parks Department in Indianapolis, retiring after 10 years. She also worked for the Ligonier Parks Department.

She was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Oak Lawn Hospital for 12 years. She served also as a volunteer for hospice, the Gray Ladies, and the public relations department of the American Red Cross.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Judi Reich of Indianapolis, Jeffrey and Angie Reich of Palmyra and Kevin and Sue Reich of Minneapolis, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters.

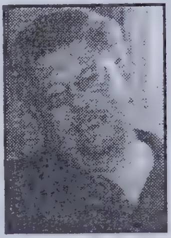
Services were Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse with the Rev. David Herr officiating.

Memorials are to the Goshen Cancer Care Center.

Condolences may be sent to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Ken Buttgen, Jr.

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Kenneth E. Buttgen Jr., 55, of Davenport, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006 at Genesis East Medical Center in Davenport.


Mr. Buttgen

He born June 13, 1951 in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Kenneth and Nari (Chirpas) Buttgen. He was preceded in death by his mother, who passed away on May 18, 2006. His father survives in Apache Junction, Arizona.

Other survivors include his wife, Janet, and a son, Marcus, both of Davenport; and another son, Dondi Buttgen, residing in Australia.

Other survivors include two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Julie Buttgen, Ligonier; and Rev. Joseph and Darlene Buttgen, Newport, Arkansas; two nieces, Anna and Sarah Buttgen of Ligonier, and a nephew, Christopher Buttgen, of Newport, Ark.

He was director of housekeeping for the Isle of Capri casino boats, and previously worked as a chef at many restaurants.

Mr. Buttgen attended Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, Mo., and earned a degree from Scott Community College. He graduated from Davenport West High School in 1969.

He was a long-time volunteer at the Bix 7 Race and the Festival of Trees parade. He enjoyed followed NASCAR, the Iowa Hawkeyes, the Green Bay Packers and having fun with his family and many friends.

His funeral was held Nov. 25 in Davenport.

Memorials are to his son, Marcus, for his college fund.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 1, 2006, Friday

Autopsy inconclusive for man wanted for incarceration

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — An autopsy of a Waterloo man found dead in his apartment Wednesday morning failed to determine the cause of his death, according to DeKalb County deputy coroner Jeff Warner.

DeKalb County and Waterloo Marshal's Department officers discovered the body of Jack Alan Donahue, 50, when they went to his apartment on South Wayne Street at 10:51 a.m. Wednesday.

Donahue had been convicted of dealing drugs in DeKalb Superior Court I last month. When he failed to report to the DeKalb County Jail at 1 p.m. Tuesday to begin serving his sentence, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Waterloo Marshal Ron Livergood agreed with an earlier statement by Sheriff John Dennis that there are no signs of foul play in Donahue's death.

Warner said the results of toxicology tests won't be known for a week or more. Police said there are indications that Donahue may have taken an overdose of drugs.

Donahue was convicted Nov. 16 of three counts of dealing a controlled substance, a Class C felony, and dealing marijuana less than 30 grams, a Class A misdemeanor.

Judge Kevin Wallace had sentenced Donahue to four years in prison on each of the three felony convictions. The sentences were to be served at the same time, with two years suspended and to be served on probation. The misdemeanor offense carried a one-year prison sentence, to be served at the same time as the felony sentences.

The charges stemmed from a 2004 undercover drug investigation by the IMAGE Drug Task Force.

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Patricia Beuret

AUBURN — Patricia L. Beuret, 86, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, she was a homemaker. She was a member, church organist and choir director of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for more than 40 years, retiring in 1994.

Mrs. Beuret

She graduated from Villa Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio, in 1938 and attended Ohio State University. She was a Daughters of the American Revolution treasurer for 20 years, a DeKalb County Chorus member for 15 years, an associate member of Entre Nous and a charter member of Act One.

Surviving are her husband of 66 years, J. Wayne Beuret of Auburn; two sons, Lawrence J. Beuret, M.D., of Rolling Meadows, Ill., and Kevin P. Beuret of Howe; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen M. and Rudy Paquette of Elkhart and Mary Ann and Steve Liechty of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Alec Liechty of Portland, Ore., Meredith Liechty of LaGrange and Johnathon Soss of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dwight O. and Ann M. Benton; a brother, William B. Benton; her aunts, Mayme and Louise Weber, by whom she was raised; and a daughter, Mary Louise Beuret.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses, the DeKalb County Food Bank or a charity of the donor's choice.

Barbara Shultz

GENEVA — Barbara J. Shultz, 76, of Geneva died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at her daughter's residence in Angola.

Mrs. Shultz was born Jan. 22, 1930, in Jay County to Fred and Eva (Bergman) Wilson. She was married to Paul E. Shultz on Feb. 1, 1952, in Bryant. He preceded her in death on June 21, 2001.

She was a member of the First Missionary Church of Berne and was a graduate of Portland High School. She worked at C.T.S. in Berne, where she was a machine operator. She retired in 1992.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Darlene and John McKinney of Anderson, Phyllis and Wayne Bickel of Geneva and Trudy and William Baidinger of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ray and Wanda Shultz of Las Cruces, N.M. and J.D. Shultz of Berne; a sister, Chloedella Moses of Portland; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva, with the Revs. Paul Isch and Max Haines officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN 46711 or the First Missionary Church of Berne.

Laura Herriott

FORT WAYNE — Laura A. Herriott, 86, of Fort Wayne died at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Herriott was a homemaker. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and baking.

She had been proud to be a member of the Waynedale Brunch Club.

Mrs. Herriott

She was born Feb. 29, 1920, in Milford, Ill., to Benton M. and Mabel E. (Barton) Reed. She married John T. Herriott on July 9, 1937, in Fowler. He died June 29, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Pearl Taylor of Bluffton and Myra Abdool of Fort Wayne; two sons, Earl Herriott of Plymouth and Ray Herriott of Fort Wayne; a sister, Edna Howard of Milford, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley E. Herriott, on June 27, 1947.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sugar Creek Cemetery in Milford, Ill.

Calling will be from 9-10 a.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamiyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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December 2, 2006, Saturday

Fern DeGraw

ASHLEY — Fern L. DeGraw, 80, of Ashley died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had retired after 21 years from the mushroom farm near Howe.

A native of Hicksville, Ohio, she was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 26, 1926, to Glenn and Catherine L. (Saylor) Wallace.

On Jan. 10, 1953, she married Frank DeGraw. He died Dec. 29, 1976.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Glenn and Mary DeGraw of Waterloo and Donald DeGraw of Ashley; two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Ken Schulthess of Ashley and Iris Morton of Angola; a sister, Wava Jo McClish of Crossville, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were a grandson, a stepgrandson and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with Pastor Becky Brault officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Thomas Hively

WOLF LAKE — Thomas A. Hively, 84, a lifelong resident of Wolf Lake, died at 10:10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hively

He farmed and operated a dairy operation and bred Holstein cattle until his retirement in 1987. He was an avid horseshoe pitcher, and attended Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Merriam Christian Church and North Webster Church of God.

Mr. Hively was born Sept. 7, 1922, to George W. and Mamie M. (Thomas) Hively. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

He married Georgia Mae Kelham on Sept. 7, 1941. She preceded him in death on May 30, 1977.

He then married E. Jean (Fogell) Rinehold. They spent winters in Lake Wales, Fla.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Larry Weeks of Churubusco, Kay and Hans Mattges of Bluffton, and Mary and Terry Schlotterback of Albion; two stepsons, Alan Rinehold of Angola and Tom Rinehold and his wife, Kathy, of Fort Wayne; two daughters-in-law, Sasha Hively of Kimmell and Judy Hively of Cincinnati, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were two sons, Thomas Joe Hively and Bill Hively; and two sisters, Francis Graham and Katherine Gaff.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, the Rev. Troy Leyse officiating. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are to Gideons International.

Condolences are to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Jack Donahue

WATERLOO — Jack Alan Donahue, 50, of Waterloo, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Donahue worked as the manager of the apartment building in which he lived. Before that, he worked as a circus performer. Dr. Frankenstein was one of his stage characters when he was with the World of Wonders Circus.

He was born Jan. 12, 1956, in Long Island, N.Y.

Surviving are a son and a daughter, a sister in Texas and two brothers, one in Texas and one in New York.

A memorial service will be Monday at 6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at a later date.

Irene Marshall

KENDALLVILLE — Hilda Irene Marshall, 73, of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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Lizzie Troyer

TOPEKA — Lizzie Troyer, 97, of rural Topeka died at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Dorothy Yoder, after a brief illness.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church. She was born Dec. 6, 1908, in Hutchinson, Kan., to Christian A. and Polly (Wingard) Miller.

On April 15, 1926, she married Tobe M. Troyer. He preceded her in death in 1998.

They moved to Topeka in 1945 from Chouteau, Okla.

Surviving are eight daughters and four sons-in-law, Katie and Crist Miller of Shipshewana, Iva Miller of Shipshewana, Edna Miller of Middlebury, Fannie Bontrager of Middlebury, Verna and John Miller of Topeka, Dorothy and Gene Yoder of Topeka, Edith and Chris Schwartz of Colon, Mich., and Lorene Burkholder of Warsaw; a son and daughter-in-law, Toby and Ann Troyer of Topeka; 50 grandchildren; 124 great-grandchildren; 36 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Katie Crow of Hutchinson, Kan.; and a brother and his wife, Christy and Gay Miller of Hutchinson, Kan.

Also preceding her in death were two daughters, Lydia Drury and Mary Bontrager; two sons, Willie and Mose Troyer; a granddaughter; a great-grandson; and three brothers, Harley P., Harvey C. and William Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the LeRoy Yoder residence, 9585 West C.R. 700S, Topeka, with Bishop John Beachey and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Eugene Yoder residence, 9225 West C.R. 700S, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Lawrence Weidler

STURGIS, Mich. — Lawrence A. "Bud" Weidler, 66, of Sturgis, Mich., died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at 7:05 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Weidler worked as a machinist at Sutton Tool Service in Sturgis for 32 years, retiring in 2003. He was a former member of the DeKalb Boxing Club.

He was born Aug. 6, 1940, in Garrett to Lester and Nellie (DePew) Weidler. They preceded him in death.

He married Judy E. Shearer on July 3, 1971, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She survives in Sturgis.

Also surviving are a son, Clifford L. Weidler of Sturgis; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Robert Tillmon of Sturgis; and two grandchildren, Kayla Rose Tillmon and Rayden Quincy Tillmon, both of Sturgis.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with James Shearer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a cancer research facility of the donor's choice.

Thelma Costanza

ASHLEY — Thelma Costanza, 90, of Ashley died at 11:18 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at her daughter's home in rural Hudson.

Mrs. Costanza

With her late husband, Joseph, she operated Custom Cleaners and Coin Laundry in Ashley for 32 years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

She was born June 18, 1916, in Steuben County to Ernest and Myrtle (Achemire) Wilhelm.

She married Joseph R. Costanza on Aug. 8, 1945, in Fort Wayne. He died Dec. 10, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Mary Jo and Alex Reynolds of Hudson and Kathleen Costanza of Hudson; four grandchildren, Brett Ritter of Pleasant Lake, Chad and Beth Ritter of Hamilton and Erik Ritter of Hudson; five great-grandchildren, Ty Ritter, Morgan Ritter, Jase Ritter, Jessica Burke and Zane Ritter; a sister-in-law, Barbara Wilhelm of Pleasant Lake; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were a son, David Costanza; a brother, Everett Wilhelm; and a sister, Dorothy Hemsoth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo, with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Rise Inc., Angola.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 3, 2006, Sunday

Hilda 'Pat' Marshall

KENDALLVILLE — Hilda Irene "Pat" Marshall, 73, of Kendallville, died at 2:02 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Marshall

She was a lifelong resident of Noble County and worked as an aide in nursing homes in Columbia City.

She was born Aug. 26, 1933, in Kendallville to Ray and Clora (Becker) Zinn. They preceded her in death.

She married Harry W. Marshall in Angola on March 13, 1954. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Ramona Marshall of Kendallville, David Lee and Dawn Marshall of Steinbarger Lake, and Walter Ray and Beverly Marshall of Clayton; seven grandchildren, Derek Marshall, Morgan Marshall, Ross Marshall, Samantha Marshall, Justin Marshall, Joshua Lash and Cassandra Lash; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Althea Falesnick and Shirley and Skip Traster, all of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Bud Zinn.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Casketbearers include Rick Marshall, David Marshall, Walter Marshall, Derek Marshall, Ross Marshall, Justin Marshall and Joshua Lash.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Grace Teusch

FORT WAYNE — Grace A. Teusch, 90, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne and was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Linda Teusch and James A. and Diane Teusch, all of Fort Wayne, and John L. and Judy Teusch of Palm Harbor, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Ann and Tom Graves of Spencerville; a daughter-in-law, Linda R. Teusch of Ossian; a sister, Pauline Wolffer of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, one stepgreat-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Teusch, on March 30, 1998; a son, Richard, in 2000; and a great grandchild, McKensey Leffer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1910 Hale Ave., Fort Wayne with Father Tim Wrozek officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Mungovan and Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., with a vigil service at 4 p.m., and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses.

Kathryn Hahn

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn L. Hahn, 85, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hahn was a homemaker and member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. She was a life member of VFW Post 2749 Auxillary and American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary, both in Kendallville. She enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Hahn was born April 28, 1921, in Garrett to Dennis and Hilda H. (Griffin) Brogan.

She married Thomas Freeman Hahn on Dec. 23, 1939, in Crown Point, and he preceded her in death on April 2, 1994, after 54 years of marriage.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Miller of Huntertown; a son, Michael Duane Hahn of Huntertown; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jane Spurgeon of Fort Wayne, Master Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Lynn Miller and Kay Miller of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Rex Miller Jr. and Peggy Miller of Kendallville, Kevin and Christina Miller of Avilla, and Geoff Hahn of Gurnee, Ill.,15 great grandchildren.and four great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bertha Kurtz.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. The Rev. Sam Weimer.will officiate. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Casketbearers will be members of Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Mildred Deavers

WALKERTON — Mildred Ivone Deavers, 60, of Walkerton, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at 2:45 p.m. at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Mrs. Deavers was a homemaker and enjoyed her family.

She was born June 1, 1946 in St. Francis County, Ark., to Oliver Lewis and Helen Marie (Elliott) Shepherd. Her father survives in Walkerton.

She married James Leroy Deavers Sr. in 1963. He died Oct. 10, 2005.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa Marie and Larry Greene of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James Leroy and Kristy Deavers Jr. of Elkhart and Ricky Allen Deavers of Walkerton; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Gary Allen and Lola Shepherd of Walkerton and Danny Lee Shepherd of Colt, Ark.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home, 117 W. Waterford St., Wakarusa. Burial will be in Olive (West) Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent at www.rrefh.com.

Judy Derrow Nichols

AUBURN — Judy N. Derrow Nichols, 68, died Friday, Dec. 1. 2006, at her home in Auburn.

She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley and was valedictorian of her class at Ivy Tech.

She was born in Auburn and was a teller clerk for the license branch.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Shirley Derrow and Todd and Marcia Derrow, all of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Curtis Shumaker and Jolynn and Jerry Keen, all of Waterloo, and Debbie and Ron Hoover of Hicksville, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren; two sisters, Joan Pubula of Ashley and Jan Hanys of Grand Haven, Mich.; and one brother, John Phelps of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Phelps; her first husband, Walter Derrow; her second husband, David Nichols; grandchildren Matt Johnson and John Derrow; and a brother, Jay Phelps.

Services will be Monday at 6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Sam Neimen officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Diabetes Association.

Dennis Thrush

GARRETT — Dennis Dale Thrush, 56, of Garrett died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Thrush was a conductor on the CSX Railroad for 29 years. He served on the USS Proteus while in the U. S. Navy from 1971-73.

He was a 1969 graduate of Garrett High School and a member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett. He was an avid fisherman, specializing in ice fishing, and a league bowler for 35 years.

He was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Garrett to Albert Heitz and Dorothy B. (Lytle) Thrush. His mother survives in Garrett.

He married Sherry Ann Griffin on May 14, 1977 in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Graig Alan and Allison Thrush and Todd Dennis and Katie Thrush, all of Garrett; two sisters-in-law, Diana Lynn Thrush of Garrett and Karen Sue Patton and her husband, Noah Patton, of Corunna; a brother-in-law, Jeffrey Alan Stelzer of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Nathaniel James, Savannah Jordon, Dakota Faith, Camron Jae, Dalton Dennis and Marissa Renae.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Bill Thrush.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, South Center Street, Auburn, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett, with a graveside service by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lakewood Park Baptist Church Deacons' Fund.

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Mary Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Mary E. Geiger, 97, of Churubusco died at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at her daughter's residence near Albion. She had been declining in health for the past year.

She had lived in the area all of her adult life.

Mrs. Geiger retired in 1976 from Kingford Packing Co. in Fort Wayne after 10 years. She was a member of the Sugar Grove Church of God, north of Churubusco. She also was a member of the Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Green Township Homemakers Club.

She was born Sept. 13, 1909. in Kosciusko County to Alpha B. and Minnie l. (Huffman) Harter.

She married Earl G. Geiger on Dec. 24, 1927, in Green Township in Noble County. He died Feb. 27, 1962.

Surviving are five daughters and a two sons-in-law, Leona Uptgraft of Miriam, Claire Nuenthael of Edgerton, Wis., Mary Ann Gaerte of rural Albion, Bonnie and William Schrimeyer of Fort Wayne, and Pauline and Jerry Lane of Greenville, Tenn.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Judy Geiger, Charles and Joyce Geiger, and Harry and Kay Geiger, all of Churubusco; a sister, Eleanor Pontzius of Memphis, Tenn.; 41 grandchildren, 109 great grandchildren and 53 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, George Geiger, in 1981; a daughter, Helen Bolenbaugh, in 2001; three sisters Naomi Weller, Elizabeth Dancer and Dora Smith; four brothers, Otto Harter, Jesse Harter, Harvey Harter and George Harter; four sons-in-law, William Uptgraft, Gary Nuenthael, Gene Gaerte and Robert Rabbitt; two grandsons, James Lane and Earl Uptgraft; a granddaughter, Karrie Lane; four great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Sugar Grove Church of God or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Pearl Parks

KENDALLVILLE — Pearl E. Parks, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Parks was a homemaker.

She was born June 20, 1921, in Depew, Okla., to Dillard and Winnie (Grimes) Holt.

She married John Parks Jr. on March 30, 1940. He died May 1, 1986.

Surviving are two sons, Paul Parks of Hagerstown and Kenneth Parks of Kendallville; three daughters, Irene Hall of South Carolina, Patricia McFarland of Kentucky and Josaphine Johnson of Lynn; one brother, Henderson Holt of Centerville; and two sisters, Daisy Tune of Commerce, Okla., and Myrtle Taylor of Miami, Okla.; 16 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

Services will be at noon Monday at Trinity Praise and Worship Church in Richmond. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery, Richmond.

Calling will be Monday from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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Elizabeth Garber

GOSHEN — Elizabeth Garber, 82, of Goshen, died at 4:19 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at her home of 55 years.

Mrs. Garber lived her entire life in the area and was a homemaker.

She was valedictorian of the Shipshewana High School class of 1942.

After she raised her family, she worked part-time at Lolly's Fabrics in Shipshewana.

Mrs. Garber enjoyed all kinds of needle work, crafts and plants.

She was actively involved with the Mennonite Relief Sale.

She was a member of Clinton Frame Mennonite Church and very active in WMSC (sewing circle) at her church. She taught Sunday school for many years, was past president of Greencroft Auxiliary, a Red Cross Volunteer at Goshen General Hospital and past county president of Elkhart County Extension Homemakers. She also taught quilting for many years at the YWCA and other places.

She was born Feb. 11, 1924, in Topeka to George Y. and Sylvia Jane (Miller) Miller. They preceded her in death.

On Sept. 25, 1943, she married Maurice Garber at her home in Shipshewana. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Verlin Troyer of Millersburg, Joan and Wayne Gingerich of Hudson, and Gretchen and Verl Weaver of Goshen; one son and daughter-in-law, Craig and JoAnn Garber of Goshen; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were one brother, Roscoe Y. Miller, and two half-brothers, Amzie Y. and Holly Y. Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Clinton Frame Mennonite Church with the Rev. Terry Diener and the Rev. Vernon Bontreger of the church officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to the Clinton Frame Mennonite Women's Sewing Circle.

Condolences may be sent at yoderculpfuneralhome.com

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Robert Everitt

Mr. Everitt

ANGOLA — Robert E. “Moose” Everitt, 82, of Angola died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Everitt worked at Dana Weatherhead in Angola, retiring in 1978. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps and a member of American Legion Post 423 in Orland and the Angola Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a lifetime charter member of the National World War II Memorial.

He was a 22-year veteran of the Hamilton Fire Department and was one of the founding members of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Dec. 31, 1923, in Hamilton to Arden and Lucile (Fifer) Everitt. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Ron Everitt of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Tom Hassett of Fremont and Marcia and Jim Cather of Hamilton; three grandhildren, Jeff Zeigler of Las Vegas, Nev., Thad Cather of Holland, Mich., and Josh Cather of Hamilton; two stepgrandchildren, Jason Hassett of Indianapolis and Nicole Hassett of Auburn; a sister, Alice Aldrich of Hamilton; and friends and companions, Annabelle Forester of Texas and Sharon Warsop of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Mildred Everitt, on Dec. 5, 1997, and a sister, Leona Manahan.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or the Elliot Manor Council at Angola.

Scott Ross

FORT WAYNE — Scott Ross, 44, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2006, at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove.

Mr. Ross was born Nov. 14, 1962, in Hicksville, Ohio. He was a product operator and shop steward for Eaton Corp. for nine years. He previously was employed with Hendrickson Suspension for 14 years, serving as the local union president and vice president. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Susie, of Fort Wayne; two chidren, Ashley and Brandon, at home; his parents, Bob and Marilyn Ross of Butler; and a sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Greg Troyer of Fishers.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Cedar Creek Church of Christ, 12606 S.R. 1. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Shirley Graham

Mrs. Graham

ORLAND — Shirley Ann Graham, 68, of Orland died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital of Angola.

Mrs. Graham was born Dec. 21, 1937, in Jamestown Township, Steuben County, to Jesse and Lois (Leonhardt) Melchi. She was married to John Robert Graham on Sept. 9, 1956, in Orland. He survives.

She was a homemaker and had lived all her life in the Fremont and Orland areas. She was a 1956 Orland High School graduate. She enjoyed listening to music, planting flowers and gardening.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Charles Szelestey of Fort Smith, Ark.; a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Rose Graham of Stroh; five sisters, Karma Dolson and Judy Miller, both of Coldwater, Mich., Ginny DuBois of Hillsdale, Mich., Joan Brown of Orland and Berdina Day of Fremont; three brothers, Doug Wilbur of Florida, Jerry Melchi of Fort Wayne and Richard Fritz of Jackson, Mich.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Shelly Marie Graham in 1961; a sister, Janet Brown; and a brother, Thomas L. Melchi.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct information from the funeral home and to include a photo.*

Kathryn Hahn

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn L. Hahn, 85, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hahn

Mrs. Hahn was a homemaker and member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. She was a life member of VFW Post 2749 Auxillary and American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary, both in Kendallville. She enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Hahn was born April 28, 1921, in Garrett to Dennis and Hilda H. (Griffin) Brogan.

She married Thomas Freeman Hahn on Dec. 23, 1939, in Crown Point, and he preceded her in death on April 2, 1994, after 54 years of marriage.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Miller of Huntertown; a son, Michael Duane Hahn of Huntertown; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jane Spurgeon of Fort Wayne, Chief Petty Officer Lynn Miller and Kay Miller of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Rex Miller Jr. and Peggy Miller of Kendallville, Kevin and Christina Miller of Avilla, and Geoff Hahn of Gurnee, Ill.; 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bertha Kurtz.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Sam Weimer will officiate. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. Casketbearers will be members of Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Ellen Sexton

AUBURN — Mary Ellen Sexton, 71, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. Sexton

Mrs. Sexton was born Nov. 5, 1935, in Grundy, Va. She graduated from Grundy High School in 1953. She worked for Essex Corp. for five years and at the Virginia Cafeteria in Dayton, Ohio, for 10 years. She cleaned homes in the area for 15 years.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and gardening.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Denise Sexton of Findlay, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jacob, Dylan, Isaac and Olivia Sexton, all of Findlay, Ohio; and five sisters, Ruth Presley of Fairborn, Ohio, Edna Street of Dayton, Ohio, Oakla Lockhart of Oracle, Ariz., Pearl McKinney of Auburn and Betty Burns of London, Ky.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rawling Lester, and a sister, Viola Rubin.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

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Man sentenced in naturalist's death

NATURALIST: *Suspect could be out of jail after serving 1 1/2 years*

BY AMY OBERLIN
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ANGOLA — A man who admitted to drunk driving in a 2005 crash that killed a well-known area naturalist was sentenced to 10 years Monday in Steuben Circuit Court.

Steven Lee Hulbert, 32, of Edon, Ohio, pleaded guilty to operating while intoxicated causing death, a Class B felony.

Killed in the wreck was Patrick Bolman, 57, Angola, who had held a variety of paid naturalist positions in northeast Indiana.

Judge Allen Wheat turned down a plea agreement earlier this year, but after some consideration accepted the one tendered Monday by Hulbert, his court-appointed attorney James Burns and chief deputy prosecutor Michael Hess.

Hulbert

The agreement calls for Hulbert to serve four years in prison, followed by three years in work release (if he qualifies) and then the final three years on probation.

Bolman

The conviction followed a recess in the middle of the hearing so Wheat could read a letter from the Cheryl Bolman, the wife of the man killed in that May 2, 2005 crash. Patrick Bolman had worked as a naturalist at the Gene Stratton-Porter Historic Site in Rome City. Cheryl Bolman wrote the letter before the first plea agreement was turned down, but said Monday in court she still feels the sentence was too lenient.

"For a guy as great as Pat was, I think it was too light," Cheryl Bolman said after court.

Patrick Bolman was the first paid employee and the first paid naturalist of the Allen County Parks Department and was involved in a wetlands project in Kendallville about 10 years ago. The Pat Bolman Heritage Tree Trail now bears his name at the Gene Stratton-Porter site.

"We traveled 45 states," said Cheryl, his wife of 28 years.

Bolman's death came as a shock to many, and Wheat called Cheryl's letter very compassionate.

"I won't be so presumptuous as to say I understand where you're coming from," Wheat told her. However, he noted that the law lays out sentencing guidelines, and he used other court cases from across the state to help him as he decided to accept the plea agreement.

The sentence, which was worked out between Hess and Burns, calls for four years in the Indiana Department of Corrections. That will be completed in about a year and a half with credit for 242 days served in Steuben County Jail and Indiana good time credit, which provides two day's credit for every one day served.

Following the incarceration, Hulbert will be given the opportunity to serve the following three years through Steuben County Work Release. He must qualify for work release prior to being admitted to the program. If he does not qualify, he must remain in prison.

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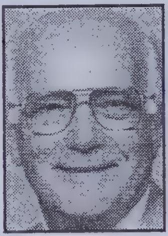
Longtime educator James McKibben dies

LAGRANGE — Former Parkside Elementary School principal and 2006 LaGrange County Citizen of the Year James V. McKibben Jr., 79, of LaGrange died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at his residence.


Mr. McKibben

Mr. McKibben retired in 1988 as principal of Parkside, which is part of the Lakeland School Corp.

He had also taught at Yorktown High School where he was the coach of the JV basketball and baseball teams, and served as principal at Maconaquah High School in Bunker Hill, Fremont High School in Fremont, and Union Township High School in Huntington.

He moved to LaGrange in 1971 from Bunker Hill.

Mr. McKibben was a World War 11 U.S. Navy veteran.

He was a member of the LaGrange First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and sang in the church choir.

He was also a member of LaGrange American Legion Post No. 215, member and former president of the LaGrange County Retired Teachers Association and currently served as a state committee member for the group. He was a member and former president of the Area III principal's association and the association's Principal of the Year; a member of the LaGrange County Community Choir; and had performed with People to People Choir tours through Europe in 1973, 1983, 1985.

He was a volunteer for the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket; and the United Way, where he received the 2006 Indiana United Way Volunteer of the Year Award.

Mr. McKibben was born on Feb. 7, 1927, in Yorktown to J. Victor and Thelma Florence (Williams) McKibben Sr. They precede him in death. He was married to Virginia C. Wilbern on Dec. 31, 1948, in Huntington and she survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law James V. III and Jody McKibben of Seneca, S.C., and Mark L. and Michelle McKibben of Chesterton; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the LaGrange First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

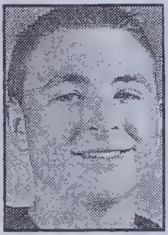
Calling will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket or the LaGrange First United Methodist Church Music Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Ryan Gilbert

CORUNNA — Ryan L. Gilbert, 17, of Corunna died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at his home.


Ryan Gilbert

He was a student in his junior year at DeKalb High School. He worked part-time at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and also at the Ponderosa Steak House in Auburn.

He was a member of the Dayspring Community Church youth group and the DeKalb High School marching band and pep band. He was involved in the high school's work ethics certificate program and was a volunteer for Hunters Helping Hunters. He played indoor soccer at the Classic City Center for Arts and Athletics and had played on the DeKalb High School football team during his freshman year. He was planning to attend a missions trip to New Orleans during Christmas break.

He was born July 29, 1989, in Fort Wayne to Jim and Cheryl (McMaken) Gilbert. They survive in Corunna.

Also surviving are a sister, Rachelle Gilbert of Corunna; his grandparents, Joan and Roger Inlow of Waterloo, Harry and Carolyn Gilbert of Garrett and Carol McMaken of Butler; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Howard McMaken, and a grandmother, Kathryn Gilbert.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Bill Lyne officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ryan Gilbert Family.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about surviving relatives.*

Mary Ellen Sexton

AUBURN — Mary Ellen Sexton, 71, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at Findlay, Ohio.

Mrs. Sexton

Mrs. Sexton was born Nov. 5, 1935, in Grundy, Va. She graduated from Grundy High School in 1953. She worked for Essex Corp. for five years and at the Virginia Cafeteria in Dayton, Ohio, for 10 years. She cleaned homes in the area for 15 years.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and gardening.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Denise Sexton of Findlay, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jacob, Dylan, Isaac and Olivia Sexton, all of Findlay, Ohio; five sisters, Ruth Presley of Fairborn, Ohio, Edna Street of Dayton, Ohio, Oakla Lockhart of Oracle, Ariz., Pearl McKinney of Auburn and Betty Burns of London, Ky.; a brother, Therman Lester of Oracle, Ariz.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in the DeKalb County area.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rawling Lester, and a sister, Viola Rubin.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Virginia Cooper

AUBURN — Virginia Rose Cooper, 78, of Auburn, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Cooper worked at Rieke Corp. and then managed Lane's store in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 15, 1927, in Corunna to Charles and Elsie Mae (Hathaway) Shipe. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert Cooper on April 11, 1970, in Auburn, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tommie Lee Llinas of Encino, Calif., and Ginger Rose and Edward Kennedy of Garrett; four sisters, Iris Reed of Markam, Ill., Violet Clevenger of Helmer, Charlotte Robke of Garrett and Dixie Cool of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon Shipe.

Private family services will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett at a later date.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Virginia Bell

SCIO, Ore. — Virginia Elizabeth Wilks Bell, 93, of Scio died Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, in Salem, Ore.

She was born in Kendallville on Sept. 17, 1913, to Albert J. and Addie M. Wilks. She grew up in Indiana and married Milford Ray Bell of South Milford.

In 1938, the family moved to Newberg, Ore. They farmed successfully in Newberg and Carrolls, Wash., for a few years and then moved to a farm at Avilla in 1941, growing many diversified crops and cattle.

In 1949 the family again moved to Oregon where they continued to farm. To subsidize the farm income, Mrs. Bell worked at the Stayton cannery for 25 years until her retirement.

Surviving are her children, Raymond and Edna Bell of Phoenix, Ore., Janet and William Long of Salem, Ore., Marianne Scharping of Seattle and Donald and Phyllis Bell of Scio; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and her loyal feline companion, George W.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milford Ray Bell in 1976; a son, Bernard Earl Bell, in 1963; two sisters, Alberta Lewis of Sequim, Wash., and Kathryn DeLucenay of Avilla; and a granddaughter, LuAnn Long of Salem in 2004.

Services were in Albany, Ore.

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Edgar Earnhart

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Edgar Allen "Joe" Earnhart, 74, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage of complications from heart and kidney failure.

Mr. Earnhart was a graduate of Cromwell High School. He won a full ROTC scholarship to Northwestern University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. After serving three years as an officer in the Atlantic Fleet, he enrolled at Harvard University where he received a Master of Arts in teaching.

He taught several years at Brewster High School in Brewster, N.Y. He then attended New York University earning a Master of Science degree in political science. He accepted a position at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa., for two years then moved to Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky., where he again taught political science

Mr. Earnhart moved to Alaska in 1974 to replace a professor for one year at Anchorage Community College, now part of UAA, and remained in Alaska until his death.

He was born July 7, 1932, on a farm in Noble County the son of Glenn and Ilah (Devault) Earnhart.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Fagan Earnhart of Anchorage; two sons and a daughter-in-law, William and Lisa Earnhart of Eagle River, Alaska, and Benjamin Earnhart of Iowa City, Iowa; half brother, Russell Earnhart of Mishawaka; and two grandchildren, Sarah and Michael Earnhart.

Preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Clair and Jay; and sisters, Ardith and Roselyn.

Memorial services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage, followed by a celebration of life service at the Chart Room at the Anchorage Hilton hotel.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice and sent to the family at 1043 W. 74th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska 99518, to be acknowledged and forwarded on.

Martha Messina

CHESTERTON — Martha E. Messina, 49, of Chesterton died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at Porter Valparaiso Hospital Campus in Valparaiso.

Mrs. Messina was born Sept. 30, 1957, in Angola to Bettie Pearl (McCrea) and Gerald Hamman. She married Martin C. Messina on Nov. 24, 1984, and he survives.

She was a master sergeant in the U.S. Army for 24 1/2 years. She was a member of American Legion Post No. 423, Orland.

Also surviving are her father in Orland; a stepdaughter, Melissa McLean of Kansas; two sisters, Mary Bender of Indianapolis and Barbara Hamman of Nashville, Tenn.; a brother, Steve Hamman of Kendallville; and two stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1999.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

LaMar Carey

FORT WAYNE — LaMar G. Carey, 88, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Carey was born Jan. 27, 1918, in Steuben County to William Elmer and Arilla (VanZile) Carey. He was married to A. Naomi (Barnhart) Carey, and she survives.

He had been employed at Magnavox as a mechanical engineer for 20 years. He retired in 1986.

He was a member of Blackhawk Baptist Church, Magnavox Management Club and the Over the Hill Gang.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William E. and Gloria Carey of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara A. and Wayne Armstrong of Lincoln, Ill. and Anna Louise and John Peters of Peru; a brother and sister-in-law, Marlin and Joyce Carey of Metz; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Rick Hawks officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Samaritan's Purse.

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Grace Manista

PARMA HEIGHTS, Ohio — Grace L. Manista, 76, formerly of Auburn, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, in Parma, Ohio.

She was born Aug. 9, 1930, in Akron, Ohio, to Walter and Ann (Mickun) Constant, who preceded her in death.

Her husband, Gordon Manista, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Jim Cunningham, Nancy and Steven Kucharski and Lisa Manista; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Dawn Manista; six grandchildren; a sister, Jean Phillips; and a brother, Walter Constant.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Busch Funeral Home, 7501 Ridge Rdoad, Parma, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Busch Funeral and Crematory Services.

To send condolences, visit www.buschfuneral.com.

Jesse Campos

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jesse J. Campos, 47, of Wolcottville died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at his home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Vernon Miser

FORT WAYNE — Vernon D. Miser, 81, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Miser was a salesman for Sears for 17 years, retiring in 1989. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of TPA and Eagles 2324.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Roxanne Miser of Ossian and Dennis and Estela Miser of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Hamman of Auburn, Pamela and Joseph Jordan of Noblesville and Lisa and Kevin Biddlecome of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ray Miser of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirleen, and two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron and Cheryl Miser and James Miser.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Mark LaBonde officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Jesse Campos

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wolcottville businessman Jesse J. Campos, 47, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Campos

He was the owner of Campos Excavating and owned and operated Atwood Shores Campground. He had moved to Wolcottville 15 years ago from Fort Wayne.

He was a 1978 graduate of Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1978 to 1984.

He was born Oct. 9, 1959, in Fort Wayne to Jesus and Carrie (Weeden) Campos. His father died in 2000 and his mother survives in Fort Wayne.

He married Brenda Peconge on July 17, 1982, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Brett Bateman and Cassandra and Jesus Alejo, all of Wolcottville; a sister, Dawn Gilreath of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Jeff Campos of Wolcottville and Chris Campos of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Anthony and Andrew Alejo.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Mike Campos in 1994.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Jeffrey Gnagy

HAMILTON — Jeffrey G. Gnagy, 45, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at his home in Hamilton.

Mr. Gnagy

Mr. Gnagy was vice president of Hamilton Lake Marine Inc. for 25 years and was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club. He served on the Hamilton Economic Development Committee and was a member of the Hamilton Area Chamber of Commerce.

He was born Sept. 10, 1961, in Angola.

He married Pam Braman on Sept. 18, 2001, in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Marlene A. (Husselman) Gnagy of Hamilton; his father and stepmother, James and Janice Gnagy of Hamilton; a stepson, Scott Jaques of Marshall, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Amber and Michael Ray of Molina, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Brad and Sarah Gnagy of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kim Gnagy of Hamilton; a stepsister, Tamara Mathers of Hamilton; three stepgrandchildren; and a niece and nephew.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Jeff Alexander will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include new information about a surviving relative.*

Vernon Miser

FORT WAYNE — Vernon D. Miser, 81, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Miser was a salesman for Sears for 17 years, retiring in 1989. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of TPA and Eagles 2324.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Roxanne Miser of Ossian and Dennis and Estela Miser of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Hamman of Auburn, Pamela and Joseph Jordan of Noblesville and Lisa and Kevin Biddlecome of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Miser; 21 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ray Miser of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirleen, and two sons, Ron and James Miser.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Mark LaBonde officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Kathryn L. Hahn, 85

KENDALLVILLE – Kathryn L. Hahn, age 85, died on Friday, December 1, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Hahn was born in Garrett, Indiana on April 28, 1921 to Dennis and Hilda H. (Griffin) Brogan.

She married Thomas Freeman Hahn on December 23, 1939 in Crown Point, Indiana and he preceded her in death on April 2, 1994 after 54 years of marriage.

Mrs. Hahn was a homemaker and member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

She was a life member of the VFW Post #2749 Auxillary and the American Legion Post #86 Auillary both in Kendallville. She enjoyed fishing, camping, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include: daughter, Janet Miller of Huntertown; son, Michael Duane Hahn of Huntertown; five grandchildren and their spouses: Jane Spurgeon of Fort Wayne, Master Chief Petty Officer 1st Class, Lynn and Kay Miller of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Rex and Peggy Miller, Jr. of Kendallville, Kevin and Christina Miller of Avilla, and Geoff Hahn of Gurnee, Illinois; fifteen great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bertha Kurtz.

Funeral Services were Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Sam Weimer.

Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Casketbearers will be members of the Kendallville VFW Post #2749.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

James Martin Cranfill, III, 59

LAGRANGE – James Martin Cranfill, III, age 59, died on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He had been ill since August.

Mr. Cranfill was born in Boston, Massachusetts on April 24, 1947 to James M. Cranfill II and Marie (Doran) Cranfill. Both parents preceded his death.

He married Sandra Louise (Schuhler) Cranfill on April 16, 1966 at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

He was employed with Atwood Mobile Products of LaGrange, Indiana and was a member of Local #1417 U.A.W. of LaGrange.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting, playing pool and working on his 1966 Chevy Nova.

Survivors include: his wife, Sandra Cranfill of Hudson, Indiana; son, James M. Cranfill IV of Angola, Indiana; two daughters, Heather Cranfill of Wolcottville, Indiana and Angela Cranfill of Hudson, Indiana; four grandchildren; Lexan, Logan, Layne, and Lawson; two sisters, Jackie Meyers of Fort Wayne and Terri (Mark) Calvin of Frankfort, Indiana; brother, Barry (Pam) Cranfill of Deer Creek, Indiana.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 2, 2006 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Burial was in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Stroh, Indiana.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Mary E. Geiger, 97

CHURUBUSCO – Mary E. Geiger, 97, a resident of Churubusco and window of Earl G. Geiger, died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, December 1, 2006, at the residence of her daughter near Albion. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Geiger was born on September 13, 1909 in Kosciusko County, a daughter of Alpha B. and Minnie L. (Huffman) Harter.

On December 24, 1927 she was married to Earl G. Geiger in Green Township in Noble County, and had lived in this area all of her adult life.

She retired in 1976 from Kingsford Packing Company in Fort Wayne after ten years, and was a member of the Sugar Grove Church of God, north of Churubusco. She was also a member of the Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Green Township Homemakers Club.

Mr. Geiger preceded her in death on February 27, 1962.

The surviving relatives include five daughters, Leona Uptgraft of Merriam, Claire Nuenthael of Edgerton, Wisc., Mary Ann Gaerte of rural Albion, Bonnie (William) Schirmeyer of Fort Wayne, and Pauline (Jerry) Lane of Grenville, Tenn.; three sons, Paul (Judy) Geiger, Charles (Joyce) Geiger, and Harry (Kay) Geiger, all of Churubusco; a sister Eleanor Pontzius of Memphis, Tenn.; 41 grandchildren; 109 great-grandchildren; and 53 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son George Geiger in 1981; a daughter, Helen Bolenbaugh in 2001; three sisters, Naomi Weller, Elizabeth Dancer, and Dora Smith; four brothers; Otto Harter, Jesse Harter, Harvey Harter, and George Harter; four sons-in-law, William Uptgraft, Gary Nuenthel, Gene Gaerte, and Robert Rabbitt; two grandsons, James Lane and Earl Uptgraft; a granddaughter, Karrie Lane; four great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were December 5, 2006 at the Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Timothy Grable, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Sugar Grove Church of God or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Thomas Hively, 84

WOLF LAKE - Thomas A. Hively, 84, a lifelong resident of Wolf Lake, died at 10:10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He farmed and operated a dairy operation and bred Holstein cattle until his retirement in 1987. He was an avid horseshoe pitcher, and attended Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Merriam Christian Church and North Webster Church of God.

Mr. Hively was born Sept. 7, 1922, to George W. and Mamie M. (Thomas) Hively. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

He married Georgia Mae Kelham on Sept. 7, 1941. She preceded him in death on May 30, 1977.

He then married E. Jean (Fogell) Rinehold. They spent winters in Lake Wales, Fla.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Larry Weeks of Churubusco, Kay and Hans Mattges of Bluffton, and Mary and Terry Schlotterback of Albion; two stepsons, Alan Rinehold of Angola and Tom Rinehold and his wife, Kathy, of Fort Wayne; two daughters-in-law, Sasha Hively of Kimmell and Judy Hively of Cincinnati, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were two sons, Thomas Joe Hively and Bill Hively; and two sisters, Francis Graham and Katherine Gaff.

Services were Monday at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, the Rev. Troy Leyse officiating. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Condolences are to www.-smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Rev. Fred L. Orr, 88

NORTH MANCHESTER – Rev. Fred L. Orr, 88 of North Manchester, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at 9:33 p.m. at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. Born Nov. 27, 1918, in Servia, Ind., he was the son of the late Gerald Scott Orr and Iva Leona (Aughinbaugh). He was a Minister for 63 years having served at Linn Grove, Alderstar United Methodist Church and 25 years at Packerton United Methodist Church. He was also an educator for 35 years including Fort Wayne Community Schools. He attended Warsaw Wesleyan Church, Warsaw. He was a 1936 graduate of Chester High School, North Manchester. He graduated from Moody Bible Institute, in 1943 and Taylor University, in 1945, he received a Master degree from Indiana State University. He married Clara M. Eibner on August 4, 1945; she died on March 16, 1992. The he married Vera Maddox on Jan, 1995; she survives. Also surviving are his son, Fred L. (Judi) Orr II of Fort wayne; daughter, Martha (Steve) Boltz of Indianapolis; sisters, Mrs. James (Jean) Phencie of Huntington and Mrs. Gene (Virginia) Coplea of Lincolnville, Ind.; and four grandchildren, Jonathon Boltz of Indianapolis, Suzanne Collins of Dayton, Ohio, David Boltz of Indianapolis and Aaron Orr of Fort Wayne. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Franklin Orr; and three sisters, Ruth Orr, Mary Louise Orr, and Lucy Orr.

Funeral services were Monday, December 4, 2006 at Timbercrest Chapel, North Manchester, Pastor Gale Janofski and Pastor Stevan Sheets officiated. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Servia. Delaughter-McKee Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to the Orr Family at delaughtermckee.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 6, 2006, Wednesday

Edgar Earnhart, 74

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Edgar Allen "Joe" Earnhart, 74, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage of complications from heart and kidney failure.

Mr. Earnhart was a graduate of Cromwell High School. He won a full ROTC scholarship to Northwestern University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. After serving three years as an officer in the Atlantic Fleet, he enrolled at Harvard University where he received a Master of Arts in teaching.

He taught several years at Brewster High School in Brewster, N.Y. He then attended New York University, earning a Master of Science degree in political science. He accepted a position at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa., for two years, then moved to Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky., where he again taught political science.

Mr. Earnhart moved to Alaska in 1974 to replace a professor for one year at Anchorage Community College, now part of UAA, and remained in Alaska until his death.

He was born July 7, 1932, on a farm in Noble County the son of Glenn and Ilah (Devault) Earnhart.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Fagan Earnhart of Anchorage; two sons and a daughter-in-law, William and Lisa Earnhart of Eagle River, Alaska, and Benjamin Earnhart of Iowa City, Iowa; a half brother, Russell Earnhart of Mishawaka; and two grandchildren, Sarah and Michael Earnhart.

Preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Clair and Jay; and sisters, Ardith and Roselyn.

Memorial services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage, followed by a celebration of life service at the Chart Room at the Anchorage Hilton hotel.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice and sent to the family at 1043 W. 74th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska 99518, to be acknowledged and forwarded on.

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Douglas Rothenhofer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Major Douglas K. Rothenhofer, 33, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at South Georgia Medical Center from injuries sustained in a military accident.

Major Rothenhofer

He had been a resident of Valdosta, Ga., since February 1998, and formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a 1991 graduate of R. Nelson Snider High School and a 1995 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

He was a F-16 fighter pilot, a member of the 39th Fighter Training Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, Ga., and an instructor in the F-16 Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals of the AT-38 Program at the base.

He was a member of Dadaelian, a national fraternal society of military pilots, president of the Footprints Sunday School class at Park Avenue United Methodist Church and a member of the United Methodist Men.

Surviving are his wife, Angela Rothenhofer of Valdosta; a daughter, Kathryn, and his second daughter, who will be born in April 2007; his father and stepmother, Larry and Patricia Rothenhofer of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Jill and Kevin Sherlock of Columbus; two stepsisters and their spouses, Elizabeth and Ingemar Opper and Laura and Steve Warner; a nephew, Spencer Sherlock; a niece, Paige Sherlock; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Arleta and Joseph Owens of Fort Wayne; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, colleagues and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Annette Meyers Rothenhofer, in 1987.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne. Burial with full military honors will be in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church, Fort Wayne; St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School, Fort Wayne; or to the Educational Fund for the Angela and Douglas Rothenhofer Children.

Judy McNabb

ST. JOE — Judy Krause McNabb, 64, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, in St. Joe.

Born in Huntington, she was an assembler at Dana Corp. for six years.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas B. McNabb of Auburn; three grandchildren; a daughter, Joanna Culler of St. Joe; a brother, Bud Johnson of Huntington; her mother, Vera Johnson of Rome City; and a sister, Sandra Forsthoffer of Rome City.

Services have taken place.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Jesse Campos

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wolcottville businessman Jesse J. Campos, 47, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Campos

He was the owner of Campos Excavating and owned and operated Atwood Shores Campground. He had moved to Wolcottville 15 years ago from Fort Wayne.

He was a 1978 graduate of Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1978 to 1984.

He was born Oct. 9, 1959, in Fort Wayne to Jesus and Carrie (Weeden) Campos. His father died in 2000 and his mother survives in Fort Wayne.

He married Brenda Peconge on July 17, 1982, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Brett Bateman and Cassandra and Jesus Alejo, all of Wolcottville; a sister, Dawn Gilreath of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Jeff Campos of Wolcottville and Chris Campos of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Anthony and Andrew Alejo.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Mike Campos in 1994.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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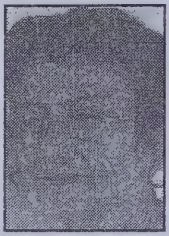
Ruby Scheurich Watts

AVILLA — Ruby (Wicker) Scheurich Watts, 73, of Avilla died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at her home. She had been ill since August.


Mrs. Watts

Mrs. Watts cleaned for RSL Services and B&J Specialties.

She was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was born Nov. 30, 1933, in Mousie, Ky., to John and Flossie (Hicks) Wicker. She first married Marion Scheurich Jr. on May 30, 1959. He died Aug. 10, 1994. She then married Leard Watts on July 29, 2006. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Pamela White of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Watts of Avilla and Terry and DurInda Scheurich of Wolcottville; a sister, Nellie Conley of Ohio; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Clyde and Shirley Wicker of Kentucky, Randolph and Mable Wicker of South Carolina, and Robert and Norma Wicker and Bobbie Wicker, all of Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, Chris Watts, Philip Watts, Emily Watts, Rachel White, Sarah White, Laura White, Dillon Scheurich, Dakeesha Scheurich and LaTosha Scheurich; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild, Brandy Watts; and two brothers, Leo Wicker and Philip Wicker.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Kendallville with Elders Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker and Larry Dixon officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be Chris Watts, Phillip Watts, Dillon Scheurich, Zach Straw and Tim Hicks.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, and after noon Friday at the church with an evening service at 6 p.m. Friday.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Linda Ritchie

KENDALLVILLE — Linda L. Ritchie, 62, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a CNA at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett for 15 years before retiring in 2002.

She was born Dec. 28, 1943, to Kenneth and Betty Lou (Pitney) Shaffer. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth J. Brotherton of Bloomfield and Andrew A. Brotherton of Kendallville; a grandson, Joshua Brotherton of Bloomfield; a brother, Fred Shaffer of Wapakoneta, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Emma Shaffer of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Kenneth, Bill and Steve Shaffer.

There will be no services or calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Charles Eash

MIDDLEBURY — Charles W. Eash, 69, of Middlebury died at 7:42 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Eash was a lifetime Middlebury area resident. He had been employed for several years at NuWay Construction and later did mowing at Spring Valley Farm Golf Club and Sweet Corn Charlie's.

He was a member of American Legion Post 210 in Middlebury.

He was born Aug. 5, 1937, in Goshen to Ora and Eleanor (Swinehart) Eash. He married Marjorie Eash on Jan. 29, 1983, in Middlebury. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Robin Bryce of South Bend and Joan Luiz of Lansing, Mich.; three stepsons, Clayton Kotz of Leesville, La., and Tom Weaver and Jerry Weaver; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Diane Eash of Middlebury; seven stepgrandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley, on Sept. 28, 1976; a son, Gregory Eash, on Dec. 14, 1990; and a stepson, Duane Kotz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the chaplain of American Legion Post 210 officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury with military rites by American Legion Post 210.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial are to American Legion Post 210.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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John Centoben Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — John C. Centoben Sr., 83, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Centoben Sr.

Mr. Centoben was born in Dennison, Ohio, on July 7, 1923, to Clarence Sherman and Eunice (Thorton) Centoben.

He was a United States Army World War II veteran serving in the military police guarding the English Channel.

Mr. Centoben retired in 1988 after 49 years as a supervisor with Superior Clay Products Corp. in Uhrichsville, Ohio. He later was employed as a security guard at General Electric in Dover, Ohio, for about 10 years.

Mr. Centoben was an avid woodworker, bowler and enjoyed pitching horseshoes. He had belonged to various bowling and horseshoe pitching leagues in the past.

He also liked helping people and was very generous with his time and talents.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Centoben of Uhrichsville; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and John Schoonover of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Carolyn Centoben of Baudette, Minn.; a sister, Irene Lehigh of New Philadelphia, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Allen and Mary Brinkley of Strasburg, Ohio; four grandchildren and their spouses, Sherry and Bobby Pendleton of Douglas, Texas, Mary and Jim Young of Henderson, Texas, Peggy Husbands of Baudette and Margie Harrington of Lake Charles, La.; 14 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Irene Lehigh of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Prince, Varney and Howard Brinkley; a sister, Edna Garbrandt; and a great-granddaughter, Melody Young.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Union Cemetery in Uhrichsville.

Calling will be Friday from 5:30-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Patricia Rudd

LUBBOCK, Texas — Patricia Ann Rudd, 65, of Lubbock, Texas, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Rudd was born April 27, 1941, in Fort Stockton, Texas. She married Taylor Rudd on Aug. 8, 1975. He survives.

She and her husband moved to Lubbock in 1989, and worked with young people in the community. She was a strong supporter and was secretary on the board of directors of Teen Publications, an organization designed to help young people.

She worked at the Country Inn Motel for 15 years, and was also an associate of Honey Child Catering.

She graduated from Lovington High School in Lovington, N.M. She pursued an undergraduate degree at Eastern New Mexico University.

Also surviving are three children, Latane Rudd-Forester of Angola, Blane Dyess and Monica White; a brother, Max Bowden; and eight grandchildren.

Services are pending.

Jessie Artley

ALBION — Jessie Naomi Artley, 91, of Albion died at 4:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had recently been admitted.

Mrs. Artley was a homemaker and had formerly lived in Goshen.

She had attended People Bible Church.

She was born June 9, 1915, in Green Township, Noble County, to Silas and Eulalia (Walburn) Gaff. She married Russell D. Artley on May 19, 1951, in Ligonier. He died Jan. 24, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald D. and Suzanne Hoover of Albion; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Max Gaff.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with the Rev. John Lutton of Ligonier officiating. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Diana Knowlton

FORT WAYNE — Diana Knowlton, 51, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Chicago.

Surviving are her parents, Gerald and Jane Knowlton, and a sister, Jenny Knowlton, all of Chicago.

A memorial service be Friday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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Plea bargain in Cromwell murder case in jeopardy

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A change of plea by a woman charged with murder in the death of her boyfriend from hammer blows may be in jeopardy.

A five-day murder trial for defendant Christine A. Ratliff, 30, of Ligonier was scheduled to begin Monday, but the trial was pulled from the schedule and a change of plea hearing set for Monday morning.

But the plea may be in jeopardy because the defense attorney in the case released information about the case to the media before the plea was written and finalized, the Noble County prosecutor said this morning.

No formal plea agreement has been filed in the case as yet, according to both Superior Court I personnel and Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse.

Defense attorney Donald Swanson Jr. told a Fort Wayne TV news outlet that the charge against Ratliff would be reduced from murder, a felony, to involuntary manslaughter, to which she would plead guilty.

Swanson also said Ratliff had been abused by the victim, her boyfriend, and that the abuse drove her to lash out in desperation with the hammer.

Clouse said he could not comment on the terms of the proposed plea deal, but that it had not been written or signed and was not in place yet — and might not be now.

"I'm ethically prohibited from commenting on a case before it is resolved," Clouse said. That's especially true of a possible guilty plea, he said.

"Apparently, Mr. Swanson is not bound by the same ethical restrictions," Clouse said.

There is always the potential when people speak out prematurely to undo verbal agreements, Clouse said. "This certainly acts to potentially undo what we've done. I don't know if it will."

Clouse said there were other factors besides the plea agreement in the decision to take the trial off the schedule, but declined to say what those factors were.

Ratliff allegedly struck Robert H. Moser, 29, of Syracuse with a carpenter's claw hammer multiple times, killing him, in the mobile home they were remodeling together at Lot 154 of the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park in Cromwell.

Moser died May 21 after suffering injuries to the skull and brain, according to autopsy results reported by Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff. Unconsciousness was immediate and death soon followed.

Murder — which is the only felony under Indiana law not labeled as Class A, B C or D — carries a sentencing range of 45-65 years in prison. Under certain circumstances, prosecutors may seek the death penalty in murder cases in Indiana.

The case was the first — and, to date, only — murder charge filed in Noble County this year.

Ratliff remains in the Noble County Jail without bond.

Moser had a criminal history in Allen and Kosciusko counties. In May 2003 he led Fort Wayne police on a car chase with his then 8-year-old daughter and mother in the car. It ended when he crashed into two Indiana State Police vehicles in the parking lot of Carroll High School.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
December 7, 2006, Thursday

Edgar Earnhart

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Edgar Allen "Joe" Earnhart, 74, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage of complications from heart and kidney failure.

Mr. Earnhart was a graduated of Cromwell High School. He won a full ROTC scholarship to Northwestern University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. After serving three years as an officer in the Atlantic Fleet, he enrolled at Harvard University where he received a Master of Arts in teaching.

He taught several years at Brewster High School in Brewster, N.Y. He then attended New York University, earning a Master of Science degree in political science. He accepted a position at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa., for two years, then moved to Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky., where he again taught political science.

Mr. Earnhart moved to Alaska in 1974 to replace a professor for one year at Anchorage Community College, now part of UAA, and remained in Alaska until his death.

He was born July 7, 1932, on a farm in Noble County the son of Glenn and Ilah (Devault) Earnhart.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Fagan Earnhart of Anchorage; two sons and a daughter-in-law, William and Lisa Earnhart of Eagle River, Alaska, and Benjamin Earnhart of Iowa City, Iowa; a half brother, Russell Earnhart of Mishawaka; and two grandchildren, Sarah and Michael Earnhart.

Preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Clair and Jay; and sisters, Ardith and Roselyn.

Memorial services were heldat Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Anchorage.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice and sent to the family at 1043 W. 74th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska 99518, to be acknowledged and forwarded on.

Thomas Hively

WOLF LAKE — Thomas A. Hively, 84, a lifelong resident of Wolf Lake, died at 10:10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He farmed and operated a dairy operation and bred Holstein cattle until his retirement in 1987. He was an avid horseshoe pitcher, and attended Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Merriam Christian Church and North Webster Church of God.

Mr. Hively was born Sept. 7, 1922, to George W. and Mamie M. (Thomas) Hively. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

He married Georgia Mae Kelham on Sept. 7, 1941. She preceded him in death on May 30, 1977.

He then married E. Jean (Fogell) Rinehold. They spent winters in Lake Wales, Fla.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Larry Weeks of Churubusco, Kay and Hans Mattges of Bluffton, and Mary and Terry Schlotterback of Albion; two stepsons, Alan Rinehold of Angola and Tom Rinehold and his wife, Kathy, of Fort Wayne; two daughters-in-law, Sasha Hively of Kimmell and Judy Hively of Cincinnati, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death in addition to his first wife were two sons, Thomas Joe Hively and Bill Hively; and two sisters, Francis Graham and Katherine Gaff.

Services were Monday at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, the Rev. Troy Leyse officiating. Burial was at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling was Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Gideons International. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Dorothy Sams

INDIANAPOLIS — Dorothy Virginia Sams, 94, of Indianapolis died Nov. 16, 2006.

A graduate of Indiana Central University, Mrs. Sams was a member of Alpha Psi Omega for performing arts and was active in both civic and community theater. She completed her graduate studies at Tulane University becoming one of the first educational majors licensed to teach kindergarten through 12th grades in three subjects.

Her strong educational belief and joy of learning led her to the Fort Wayne Community Schools where she taught English, music, art, and physical education. She served as director of the English Department, retiring after 34 years. During the summer, Mrs. Sams directed the YMCA summer camp at Dallas Lake and the Howe Presbyterian Church choir.

Upon retirement, Mrs. Sams moved to Adams Lake near Wolcottville, where she continued her community involvement with music, gardening and tutoring. She delivered Meals on Wheels and provided medical transportation for area residents. She was an active member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, president of the LaGrange County Retired Teachers Association, member of the alumni association of Indiana Central University and Rome City United Methodist Church, Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Otterbein Guild.

She relocated to Indianapolis to be near her family. A life-long educator, she continued to write programs and work with the educationally challenged. She attended Union Chapel United Methodist Church where she was a member of Rachel Circle and United Methodist Women.

She was born May 5, 1912, in Fort Wayne to George and Florence Dager.

Surviving are her daughter, Susann Sams Sutherlin and her husband, Bruce, of Indianapolis; and a grandson, Andrew James Wahnsiedle of Indianapolis.

She was proceeded in death by her husband, Norman H. Sams.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Union Chapel United Methodist Church, 2720 E. 86th St., Indianapolis. Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Brandon Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Brandon Lee Yoder was stillborn to Dennis Lynn and Diane (Troyer) Yoder of Shipshewana at 2:16 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Surviving with his parents are three sisters, Sandra Dawn Yoder, Nicole Alice Yoder and Michelle Dinae Yoder, all at home; three brothers, Martin Jon Yoder, Marcus Dean Yoder and Keith Michael Yoder, all at home; grandparents, Dale and Betty Troyer of Nappanee and DeWayne and Wilma Yoder of LaGrange; and great-grandparents, Irma Troyer and Joni Miller, both of Shipshewana and Menno and Alice Yoder of LaGrange.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at the family residence, 1940 N. C.R. 850W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Homer Bontrager of the Old Order Amish Church officiating.

Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Berneda Firestone

EDON, Ohio — Berneda Firestone, 83, of Edon, Ohio, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Firestone

Mrs. Firestone was born July 9, 1923, in Brady Township near West Unity, Ohio, to Leland and Wilma (Kutzli) Meyers. She was married to W. Carlton Firestone on Dec. 26, 1942, in Columbia, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Sept. 20, 1992.

She was a member of the Northwest Grange and Bethlehem Christian Union Church near Edon.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy Callaway and Sue and Larry Lloyd, all of Edon; a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Barb Firestone of Edon; a brother and sister-in-law, Leland Jr. and Donna Meyers of West Unity; a sister and brother-in-law, Annabelle and LaMar Allomong of Edon; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with the Rev. Dan Shipley officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Bethlehem Christian Union Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Patricia Rudd

LUBBOCK, Texas — Patricia Ann Rudd, 65, of Lubbock, Texas, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Rudd was born April 27, 1941, in Fort Stockton, Texas. She married Taylor Rudd on Aug. 8, 1975. He survives.

She and her husband moved to Lubbock in 1989, and worked with young people in the community. She was a strong supporter and was secretary on the board of directors of Teen Publications, an organization designed to help young people.

She worked at the Country Inn Motel for 15 years, and was also an associate of Honey Child Catering.

She graduated from Lovington High School in Lovington, N.M. She pursued an undergraduate degree at Eastern New Mexico University.

Also surviving are three children, Latane Rudd-Forester of Angola, Blane Dyess and Monica White; a brother, Max Bowden; and eight grandchildren.

Services are pending.

The following obituary is being rerun to include service times.

Martha Messina

CHESTERTON — Martha E. Messina, 49, of Chesterton died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at Porter Valparaiso Hospital Campus in Valparaiso.

Mrs. Messina was born Sept. 30, 1957, in Angola to Bettie Pearl (McCrea) and Gerald Hamman. She married Martin C. Messina on Nov. 24, 1984, and he survives.

She was a master sergeant in the U.S. Army for 24 1/2 years. She was a member of American Legion Post No. 423, Orland.

Also surviving are her father in Orland; a stepdaughter, Melissa McLean of Kansas; two sisters, Mary Hamman Bender of Indianapolis and Barbara Hamman of Nashville, Tenn.; a brother, Steve Hamman of Kendallville; and two stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1999.

Military memorial services will be conducted by members of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 at the post at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

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Train strikes car on tracks

One man killed

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KENDALLVILLE — An eastbound freight train struck a car, killing the male driver, at the C.R. 500E crossing west of Kendallville late Friday night, according to police at the scene.

Police, fire units and Noble County EMS responded to the scene at about 11:25 p.m. after Kendallville police received a report of a train hitting the car.

Kendallville

The train conductor told police the vehicle was stopped northbound sitting on the crossing when struck by the locomotive.

The impact spun the car and dragged it about 100 feet east of the crossing before it ended up facing east between the rails of an adjoining rail line. Train traffic was stopped on the east-west Norfolk Southern Railroad lines, and C.R. 550E was closed to traffic.

Emergency personnel were at the scene waiting for the Noble County coroner at about 12:30 a.m. today.

Patricia Barhan

BATESVILLE, Ark. — Patricia Jean (Coney) Barhan, 78, of Sulpher Springs, Ark., died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at Batesville Health Care Center following a 12-year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mrs. Barhan was a graduate of Kendallville High School and had lived in Kendallville many years. She and her husband, Keith, had operated a farm and Barhan Gardens north of the city.

The couple retired in 1985 and moved from Kendallville to Florida where they raised flowers and vegetables. The couple then moved to Arkansas to raise cattle.

Mr. Barhan died in December 2005 after 60 years of marriage.

Mrs. Barhan had served as president of the PTA as a den mother in Cub Scouts and assisted her husband with a Boy Scout troop.

She was a member of the Lady Elks and the Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Barhan was known for her baking and catering skills and was famous for her chicken and noodles, wedding cakes and cinnamon breakfast rolls.

She was born Aug. 21, 1928, to Oren E. and Mildred (Shook) Coney.

Surviving are three sons, David Barhan and Nels Barnhan, both of San Leon, Texas, and Mark Barhan of Indianapolis, and their spouses; a sister and brother-in-law, Leanne (Coney) and Mike Hackett of Adams Lake; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Private family services were held.

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Walter Richter

ASHLEY — Walter J. Richter, 86, of rural Ashley, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Richter was a lifetime Smithfield Township farmer. In his retirement, he enjoyed woodworking as a hobby.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo and was involved with its Harvest House. He served on the Smithfield Township Advisory Board for eight years, was the DeKalb Farm Mutual Insurance Co. director for eight years and was supervisor for the DeKalb County Soil Conservation District. He served on the Smithfield Township School Building Commission for Ashley Schools for four years and was a former 4-H leader.

He was born June 11, 1920, in Smithfield Township of DeKalb County to Lawrence and Caroline (Pfefferkorn) Richter. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruth Orwig on June 27, 1944, in St. Michael's Catholic Church. She survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Ronald and Colleen Richter of Fort Wayne, Francis and Judy Richter of Ashley, Dr. Lawrence and Ellen Richter of Terre Haute, James and Gerrie Richter of Downingtown, Pa., and David and Sue Richter of Columbus; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Dr. Peter Goldsbrough of West Lafayette; 11 grandchildren, Dr. Heather Richter, Michael Richter and his wife, Meredith, Dr. Joseph Richter, Mark Richter, John Richter, Scott Richter, Matt Richter, Brian Richter, Clair Goldsbrough, Tom Richter and Ian Goldsbrough; and a great-granddaughter, Amelia Rose Richter.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Augustine Richter.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 5 p.m., and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

Reta Elliott

CHURUBUSCO — Reta Anne Elliott, 75, of Churubusco died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Elliott

Mrs. Elliott and her husband were the former owners of the State Farm Insurance Agency in LaGrange from 1957 to 1990, when she retired.

She lived most of her life in LaGrange.

She was a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange, the Red Hat Society and the LaGrange American Legion where she was a past president.

In Union Mills, she was born on Feb. 21, 1931, to John M. and Leafa (Fisher) Booth. She married William B. Elliott on Oct. 16, 1949, in Brighton. He preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Leland Wickey of Centreville, Mich., and Teresa and William Brown of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, William Booth and Karen Elliott of LaOtto, and Bret L. and Patricia Elliott of Kendallville; three brothers, William P. Booth of Howe, and Donald D. Booth and L. Thomas Booth, both of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, two brothers, John Booth Jr. and Charles C. Booth, and two sisters, Ida Lou Sutherland and Nona Lee Anderson, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Simpson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Man loses life in crash

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BUTLER — A Butler man died Friday in a one-vehicle crash north of Butler.

Richard Reinhart, 30, died from injuries sustained when his pickup went off C.R. 24, between S.R. 1 and Basket Factory Road, according to DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis.

The accident apparently occurred early Friday morning after Reinhart left his place of employment in Ashley, Dennis said. The wreckage was found on a creek bank off the lightly traveled road Friday afternoon.

Police believe Reinhart was driving eastbound on C.R. 24 when his 2000 Chevrolet pickup apparently went off the north side of the road. It briefly rode a guardrail over Big Run Creek, hit a bridge abutment and rolled over completely one time, coming to rest on its wheels on the creek bank.

County police were assisted by units from the Butler police and fire departments and DeKalb EMS.

JEFF JONES

Investigators inspect a pickup truck found wrecked on the bank of Big Run Creek north of Butler Friday afternoon. A man who was driving the truck died in the crash.

Ruby Paulen

AUBURN — Ruby Paulen, 79, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in Bolyn, Ky., she retired from Rieke Corp. in 1986 with 20 years of service. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Maxine Coleman Circle at the church.

Surviving are her husband, Robert W. Paulen of Auburn, and grandsons David Baughman of Kokomo and Charles Baughman of Angola.

Preceding her in death were a son, Michael Paulen; a daughter, Linda Baughman; her parents, Nathen and Elizabeth Brewer; and a sister. Ellen Slone.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 1207 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Dale Williams officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or Wee Haven Workshop.

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Train crash victim identified

DENNIS NARTKER

An eastbound freight train struck this car late Friday night at the C.R. 550E crossing resulting in the death of the driver.

Ryan L. Kline, 34, of Kendallville killed

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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KENDALLVILLE — The name of a man killed Friday night in a car-train collision at the C.R. 500E crossing west of Kendallville was released by authorities Saturday.

The Noble County Sheriff's Department said the victim was Ryan L. Kline, 34, of Kendallville.

Noble County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Moriarity, who led the accident investigation, said police were contacted at 11:25 p.m. Friday by Norfolk Southern Railroad. Representatives from the railroad told police that an eastbound train had struck a car west of S.R. 3.

Police said the impact spun Kline's car and dragged it about 100 feet east of the crossing. It ended up facing east between the two sets of tracks. Train traffic was stopped on the east-west Norfolk Southern Railroad lines, and C.R. 500E was closed to traffic.

"Kendallville officer Chris Harlan was first on the scene and indicated that the vehicle was occupied," Moriarity's report said. "The driver of the vehicle was not moving and did not appear to be breathing. After first responders

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CRASH: *Train operator says car was parked on tracks*

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arrived, it was determined that the driver of the vehicle had no pulse and had expired at the scene."

Louis E. Young Jr. of Elkhart, the operator of the train that struck Kline's vehicle, told police Kline's 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme had been parked on the tracks, facing north with its lights off. When the train hit Kline's car, Young said, he didn't see anyone inside it. Young was not injured in the accident.

Noble County Deputy Coroner Joan Cripe was called to the accident scene. A driver's license was removed from the wreckage, and that was how identification was made, Moriarity's report said.

The Noble County Sheriff's Department was assisted at the accident scene by representatives from the Kendallville Police Department, Kendallville Fire Department and Noble County Emergency Medical Services.

An obituary for Mr. Kline appears on Page A4.

Correction

Crash victim's name reported incorrectly

BUTLER — Christopher Lee Reinhart, 30, of Butler, died Friday afternoon when his pickup truck crashed north of Butler.

A story in Saturday's edition listed an incorrect first name for Mr. Reinhart. We apologize for the error.

An obituary for Mr. Reinhart appears on page A4 of today's edition.

Christopher Reinhart

BUTLER — Christopher Lee Reinhart, 30, of Butler died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, as a result of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident in rural Butler.

Mr. Reinhart worked at T.J. Group Automotive in Ashley. He was a former member and past Noble Grand of the Order of Odd Fellows in Hamilton. He was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

He was born March 12, 1976, in Seoul, South Korea, to Leroy and Sally (Bolinger) Reinhart. They survive in Hamilton.

On March 17, 2001, he married Daisy Sleesman in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are a grandfather, Leonard Reinhart of Florida; a grandmother, Geraldine Rowe of Angola; two sisters, Deanna Kirtz of Kentucky and Jenna Reinhart of Hamilton; his mother and father-in-law, Kathy and Douglas Sleesman of Butler; his brother-in-law, Scott Sleesman of Butler; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Donald Bolinger; a grandmother, Helen Reinhart; a stepgrandmother, Marg Bolinger; and a stepgrandfather, Vernon Rowe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and one hour before services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, rural Angola.

Memorials are to the family or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Ryan Kline

KENDALLVILLE — Ryan Lee Kline, 34, of Kendallville died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, near Kendallville as a result of injuries sustained in a car-train accident.

Mr. Kline was born in Kendallville on Nov. 22, 1972, to Duane L. "Dewey" and Twylia C. (Coney) Kline.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1992 and was employed with Pent Assembly in Avilla. He enjoyed being outdoors and was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and NASCAR racing.

Surviving are his parents in Kendallville; two daughters, Sarah Kline and Brittney Kline, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Johnathon Kline of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Mike Ebert of Avilla and Todd Kline of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Tiffaney and Rodney Glessner of Fishers; six aunts and uncles, Garry and Carol Coney and Sharon Slabaugh, all of Albion, Sonya and Terry Saddison of Sturgis, Mich. and Sandy Falk of Papillion, Neb.; two nieces, Ashley Kline of Avilla and Kara Glessner of Fishers; a nephew, Ethan Ebert of Avilla; and two great-aunts, Pauline Caldwell of Kendallville and Maxine Field of California.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Justin Kline; maternal grandparents Raymond and Deloris Coney; and paternal grandparents Donald and Winifred Kline.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to a fund that has been set up for Mr. Kline's children.

Condolences may be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ray Kaufman

FREMONT — Ray M. Kaufman, 97, of Fremont and formerly of Ray died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Kaufman was a farmer. He attended Faith Harvest Christian Fellowship, Angola, and loved to read and talk and visit with people and family members.

Mr. Kaufman

He was born Nov. 3, 1909, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Carl and Minnie (Wohlman) Kaufman.

He was married to Dorothy Schertz, and she preceded him in death on June 12, 1979.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Rosemary Kaufman; three grandchildren and their spouses, Julie and David Dryer of Reading, Mich. and Patty and Wesley Floehr and Mike and Jinger Kaufman, all of Fremont; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Norman Lee Kaufman; three brothers, Emery, Elmer and Arthur Kaufman; and three sisters, Lydia Strich, Mabel Bell and Hazel Canfield.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jim Hazekamp officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in California Cemetery, California Township, Branch County, Mich.

Memorials are to Faith Harvest Christian Fellowship.

Condolences may be left online at www.beamsfuneral.com.

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Kim Powell

ASHTABULA, Ohio — Kim Davis Powell, 64, died Nov. 7, 2006, in Ashtabula, Ohio, of kidney cancer.

He was born in Auburn on Aug. 12, 1942, the son of Lowell and Jayne Powell. The Powell family lived on West Seventh Street until 1956, when they moved to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Powell loved his hometown, and his memories of his childhood and early adolescence in Auburn were very special. He attended Harrison Elementary and Auburn Junior High School. He had many friends, with whom he played baseball and basketball, attended parties, and went to the YMCA. He and his family were active in the Methodist church.

He graduated from Mount Lebanon High School and Pennsylvania State University. He worked for IBM for many years as a teacher and trainer in New York, Washington, D.C., and North Carolina.

After taking early retirement from IBM, he returned to school at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for a master's degree in counseling. There he met his wife, Martha, whom he married May 22, 1993.

Mr. Powell held various positions as a counselor and math teacher in Greensboro until 2001. At that time, he and his wife moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., to attend Charis Bible College.

At the time of his death, he was the dean of students at Charis Bible College of Chicago.

He was diagnosed with cancer in August 2006, and in October he and his wife moved to Ashtabula, Ohio, to live with their son and his wife so that they could help with his care.

He was very happy to have joined his friends at the last two reunions of the Auburn High School Class of 1960, even though he did not graduate with them. His early years in Auburn helped to shape a very kind, loving, personable, humorous man who was gifted with the ability to encourage others. He carried the people of Auburn in his heart all the days of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Derek and April Tapper of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Neil Tapper of Lexington, Ky.; one brother, Jeffrey Powell of Bridgeville, Pa.; one sister, Toni Powell o Knoxville, Tenn.; three nephews and a niece. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charis Bible College of Chicago, 747 N. Church Road, Suite C-4, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Condolences may be sent to: Martha Powell, P.O. Box 3034, Ashtabula, OH 44005-3034.

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Michael Yelton Sr.

LIGONIER — Michael F. Yelton Sr., 57, of Ligonier died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Yelton moved to Ligonier from Hammond in 1973. He worked in the warehouse at Silgan for over 30 years, retiring in 1999. He also was a real estate broker for Able Realty in Ligonier for several years.

He was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier. His hobbies included classic cars, hunting, fishing, camping and traveling.

He was born May 8, 1949, in Hammond to Franklin R. Yelton and Marquerite (Wilsey) Yelton.

He married Myra Nibblett on Nov. 6, 1971, in Hammond. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael F. Jr. and Connie Yelton and Mark A. and Tanya Yelton, all of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Kayla, Brianne, Gabrielle and Samuel Yelton; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey S. and Rhonda Yelton of Chesterton; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathryn and Joe Lehman of Topeka, Lenora and Roy Johnson of Cape Coral, Fla.; Shirley and Bob Fleming of Columbia City and Sonja and Jim McCalmont of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; 10 nieces and nephews, 15 great-nieces and great-nephews and one great-great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Joseph Yelton.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Stone's Hill Community Church, with Pastor Bill Parks and Pastor Joey Nelson officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka. Pallbearers will be Mark Yelton, Michael Yelton Jr., Jeff Yelton, Bob Fleming, Steve Sherick and Cliff Cornwell.

Arrangements are being handled by J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Harry Wickline

HAMILTON — Harry Davis Wickline, 74, of Hamilton died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Wickline was self-employed and ran a concessions stand.

He was born March 9, 1932, in Blacksburg, Va. to Robert and Junell (Hilton) Wickline.

He married Betty Jean Steflen in Kingwood, Va. on Nov. 11, 1954. His second wife was Rosalie Ann Treesh, whom he married Feb. 18, 1968, in DeKalb County. Both wives preceded him in death.

Surviving are five sons, Jeff, David and Robert Wickline, all of Garrett, and Walter and Bobby Wickline, both of Butler; four daughters, Ilene Linder of Hamilton and Linda Mann, Nancy Smith and Georgia Hickman, all of Garrett; two stepsons, William Fry of Butler and Kevin Fry of Florida; a sister, Katherine Carter of Peterstown, W.Va.; 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Rose Wickline; a sister, Effie Shuey; and two brothers, Arthur and Tommy Wickline.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are being handled by Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

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Quiet man spread sobriety

Family, friends found wisdom in Shelby Miller

BY BILL GISEL

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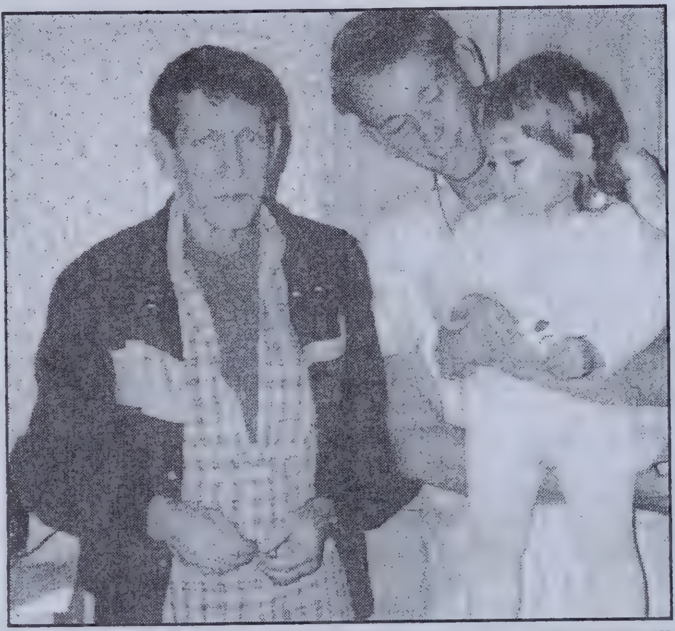
KENDALLVILLE — To members of the Alcoholics Anonymous community in northeastern Indiana, Shelby Miller was an "old-timer." He had been sober 23 years when he died Nov. 25 at his home in Kendallville.

Much more than a recovered alcoholic, at only 66 he was not old by today's standards. In that he was wise, patient and respectful and had raised a family of five successful and well-liked children, he was a seasoned veteran of a life well-lived.

To his wife, Barbara (also known as Joni, BJ or — to Shelby — "the old lady"), he was "good, hard-working and caring. He was my best friend, my better-half," Mrs. Miller said.

"He was a quiet, private man who felt flowery words were unnecessary, that his actions should show his feelings," she added. Mrs. Miller considered her husband a survivor, since he had made it through appendicitis, heart surgery and alcoholism. Through tears, she said, "But, he couldn't beat cancer."

Mrs. Miller said her husband always said that "everyone dies, but not before their time." When his time came, Mr. Miller accepted the inevitable, as he had learned in his recovery from alcoholism that he must do. (In the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, alcoholics are told: "Acceptance is the answer to all my problems today" and that people are powerless over other people, and the events of life.)



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Shelby Miller, left, is pictured in 1995 with his son, Jonathan, and granddaughter Celia Freeman of LaOtto. Mr. Miller died Nov. 25 after a two-year battle with lung cancer. His son, Jonathan, died Nov. 15, 2005.

Mr. Miller's youngest child, Amanda, recalled that she was bothered as a child that her father was so quiet. As she aged, she said, she learned that "that is just the way Dad was. He was the kindest man I have ever known.

"He never lifted a finger to me," she continued. "He left the dirty work to Mom! Dad just didn't have it in him."

Better known as "Mandy" and to her dad as "the dark-haired stepchild," (her siblings were all towheads, she explained) Amanda Miller recalled a summer's day spent with her father on Adams Lake, where she drove the family speedboat until it ran out of gas.

"Dad handed me a broken oar and smoked a cigarette, while I rowed to shore," she recalled. Her dad's quiet reserve, she said, had the power to discipline, shame and teach.

Amanda said after her dad was diagnosed with lung cancer, she chided him about his cigarette habit, and wondered why he hadn't quit.

"'Tell me I will live forever, and I will,'" he told her.

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"I am a good person because of my dad," Amanda told friends and family at her father's funeral service Wednesday. "Like him, I try to do the right thing. I will miss his quiet presence; I am very proud to be his daughter."

One of his AA friends, Bill H. of Kendallville, said Mr. Miller "was the best friend I ever had in my life." He said they went to AA meetings together three times a week. "He was very influential in my sobriety," he said.

"I was told early on to grab ahold of a winner, and I grabbed him," he said. From Mr. Miller, he said, he learned that "I can't enjoy today if I am thinking about tomorrow."

Another recovered friend, Pat S. of Auburn, recalled Mr. Miller's sense of humor.

"He told me once he had to give up half his sex life, and I asked him which half. He said he hadn't decided if it was going to be talking about it or thinking about it," he said.

His friend recalled also Mr. Miller's patience. He said he worked with one man for 15 years, when everyone else told Mr. Miller that the man would never get sober.

"That man was in this room, too, several years ago," Pat S. said of the funeral home. "He died with three years of sobriety."

Pat S. said Mr. Miller never held any bitterness toward his former employer, where a union was successfully broken and retirement benefits lost. "He accepted the reality of it," he said.

Christine G. of Auburn said the miracle of her own recovery from alcoholism was linked to Mr. Miller, her former brother-in-law. When she first met him, she said, he was drunk, sitting under and talking to a tree.

After he found recovery, she said, Mr. Miller reminded her: "You know, you don't have to live this way." When she finally attended her first AA meeting, she said, Mr. Miller bought her a Big Book.

> *"I am a good person because of my dad."*
>
> **Amanda Miller**
> Daughter

"I didn't stay that first time around," Mrs. G. said, "but when I came back some time later, he was there, which showed me that AA works.

"He jokingly used to tell us that if we could come up with a good enough reason to drink, he would be glad to buy it for us," she said. "None of us ever did."

Mr. Miller's son, Steve, is also of a quiet nature. He called Mr. Miller "the calm eye in the family storm. He was my daddy, what more is there to say?"

Daughter-in-law Amy Miller of Indianapolis, who lost her husband last November to a sudden heart attack, recalled that her husband, Jonathan, was proud of his dad.

When brought to Kendallville to meet Jonathan's family, she met Mr. Miller for the first time. "'Can't hurtcha, might even help ya,'" he said of Amy to Jonathan.

"I don't think I ever heard him say a hundred words" since that time, she said of her father-in-law.

The Rev. Stan Kessler, whose Presbyterian Church has been open to AA meetings in Kendallville for three decades, reminded that "gifts that come to us come from the Giver of all gifts." Not only was Mr. Miller a receiver of the gift of sobriety, Kessler said, "He gave away what was given to him; he passed it along."

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Rev. Tony Brooks

KOKOMO — The Rev. Tony Arthur Brooks, 58, of Kokomo died Dec. 8, 2006, at 9:45 p.m. at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Brooks

The Rev. Brooks was a United Methodist pastor, serving churches in Warsaw, Pilchers Chapel, Huntington, Modoc, Windfall, Newville and Mount Pleasant in DeKalb County and many other Indiana communities for 30 years. He loved reading, gardening and especially his grandchildren. He was a very loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was born Oct. 30, 1948, in Wabash to Arthur and Helen (Smith) Brooks. They preceded him in death.

He married Barbara S. (Derr) Brooks on June 21, 1969, in Huntington. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Marcus A. Brooks of Kokomo; a daughter, Amy P. Brooks of Kokomo; two sisters, Mary Jane Fox of Noblesville and Joan Mountain of South Dakota; a brother, David Brooks of Sweetser; and three grandchildren, Shelby and Sierra Carpenter and Cheyenne Brooks of Kokomo

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Galveston United Methodist Church, 515 S. Maple St. Galveston. Pastor John Hrynk will officiate. Burial will be in St. Peters United Church of Christ Cemetery in Huntington.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2–8 p.m. at Galveston United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Galveston United Methodist Church or Southern Care Hospice in Kokomo

Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Wolff

EDON, Ohio — Joseph Andrew Wolff, 77, of Edon, Ohio, died at 7:40 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 2006, at The Inn of Fountain Park in Bryan, Ohio, where he was a resident.

Mr. Wolff

Mr. Wolff was owner and operator with his father of Wolff Tractor Service in Edon until his retirement in 1988. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean Conflict, and was a member of Edon American Legion Post No. 662. He was firefighter with the Florence Township Fire Department for which he served as fire chief for many years. He was also charter member and an emergency medical technician with the Edon Emergency Medical Service and served as a Williams County special deputy for many years. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and also the Edon Masonic Lodge No. 474.

Mr. Andrew Wolff was born on July 24, 1929, in Steuben County, the son of Cardinal F. and Mary Ellen (Robison) Wolff. He married Velva Delores Hemry on Nov. 1, 1953, in Metz and she survives.

Mr. Wolff is also survived by two sisters, Gloria Noll, of Conroe, Texas, and Betty (Ora) Stayner, of Edon; 10 nieces and nephews and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Juanita Heller.

Services will be on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edon with the Rev. Clayton J. Bailey officiating. Visitation will be in the Krill Funeral in Edon, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday with Masonic services conducted at 8 p.m. Burial will be in the Edon Cemetery, with graveside military rites conducted by Edon American Legion Post No. 662.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church or to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Home Health Care.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com http://www.krillfuneralservice.com .

Fredric Sutorius

KENDALLVILLE — Fredric M. "Fred" Sutorius, 55, of Kendallville died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral

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Alma Gannon

VALPARAISO — Anna M. Gannon, 83, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at the VNA Hospice Center in Valparaiso.

She was an 80-year Valparaiso resident and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and its Altar Rosary Society. She also belonged to the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary. She had retired from Hannon's Drive-In after 20 years. She enjoyed playing games, eating jelly beans, traveling and cooking for her family. She devoted her life to her family, and family reunions were her favorite events.

Surviving are her husband, Bernard Gannon Sr. of Valparaiso; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lawrence Gannon of St. Paul, Minn., Michael and Bernice Gannon of Fremont and Bernard Jr. and Carolyn Gannon of Kouts; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Rita and James Matthys of Westville, Lucy Cress of Fremont, Joan and Richard Evans of Springfield, Mo., and Debbie and Kevin Major of Hobart; 24 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Simon and Mildred Holzapfel of Tennessee, Frank and Marilyn Holzapfel of Kouts and Robert Holzapfel of LaPorte; and four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Catherine and Harold McGinley of Valparaiso, Rosie and William Beahler of Union Mills, Barbara Holzapfel of Phoenix and Regina and Bernard Higgins of New Carlisle.

A sister and brother-in-law, Mary and David Hannon, preceded her in death.

A funeral mass will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1855 Harrison Boulevard, Valparaiso, with the Rev. Joseph Pawlowski and the Rev. John J. Charlebois officiating. Calling will be at the church one hour prior to services on Tuesday and today from 4-9 p.m. at Dykes Funeral Home, 2305 N. Campbell St., Valparaiso. A wake service will be at 5 p.m. and a family rosary at 8 p.m. at the funeral home today.

Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery. Memorials are to the VNA Hospice Center.

Floeila Baker

ALBION — Floeila M. Baker, 89, of Albion died at 2:55 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Baker was a lifetime Noble County resident. She enjoyed cooking, reading and fishing.

She had been the study hall supervisor at Wolf Lake School and had been employed at Wolf Lake Products.

Mrs. Baker was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and will be remembered as a loving wife and grandmother.

She was born July 11, 1917, in Noble County to Victor and Alta (Baird) Weber. She married Walter Baker on Aug. 24, 1935, in the Albion Methodist Church. He died March 11, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters , Lucille Tumlison and her husband, Dave, of Jackson, Mich., Linda Butler-Whittaker and her husband, Jack, of Kendallville and Ann Gaerte and her husband, Doug, of Albion; two sisters, Thelma Ott and Nelda Owen, both of Albion; a sister-in-law, Martha Weber; nine grandchildren, Tim Tumlinson, Walter Tumlinson, Robert Tumlinson, Lisa Balliet, Mindy Baldwin, Lorie Tipsord, Joe Butler, LeAnn Parker and Angie McCoy; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, John Butler; a great-grandson, Benjamin Baldwin; three brothers, Glenn Weber, Floyd Weber and Vaughn Weber; and two sisters, Helen Walker and Wanda Jackson.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be in Merriam Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Richard Warner Jr.

SOUTH BEND — Richard Warren Warner Jr., 55, of South Bend died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Warner was a machinist and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born Aug. 1, 1951, in Mishawaka to Richard and Patricia (Brown) Warner. They are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Nicholas Kovatch of Valparaiso; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy and Paul Neeley of Shipshewana, Susan Warner of Elkhart, Janice Pearce of South Bend and Kim Bechtel of Topeka.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Warner, in 2000.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Shipshewana Nazarene Church with the Rev. Andrew Dayton officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the funeral home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

The following obituary is being repeated to correct errors from the funeral home.

Ryan Kline

KENDALLVILLE — Ryan Lee Kline, 34, of Kendallville died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, near Kendallville as a result of injuries sustained in a car-train accident.

Mr. Kline was born in Kendallville on Nov. 22, 1972, to Duane L. "Dewey" and Twylia C. (Coney) Kline.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1992 and was employed with Pent Assembly in Avilla. He enjoyed being outdoors and was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and NASCAR racing.

Surviving are his parents in Kendallville; two daughters, Sarah Kline of Albion and Brittney Kline of Fort Wayne; a son, Johnathon Kline of Albion; two brothers, Mike Ebert of Avilla and Todd Kline of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Tiffaney and Rodney Glessner of Fishers; six aunts and uncles, Garry and Carol Coney and Sharon Slabaugh, all of Albion, Sonya and Terry Saddison of Sturgis, Mich. and Sandy Falk of Papillion, Neb.; two nieces, Ashley Kline of Avilla and Kara Glessner of Fishers; a nephew, Ethan Ebert of Avilla; and two great-aunts, Pauline Caldwell of Kendallville and Maxine Field of California.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Justin Kline maternal grandparents Raymond and Deloris Coney; and paternal grandparents Donald and Winifred Kline.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to a fund that has been set up for Mr. Kline's children.

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Former Steuben official Kenneth Maugherman dies

Mr. Maugherman

ANGOLA — Kenneth Maugherman, 91, of Angola, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

He was secretary-treasurer of Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., and worked as Steuben County treasurer for four years and Steuben County clerk for eight years. He also prepared income tax returns for clients for 57 years.

He graduated from Scott Center School in 1937 and attended Indiana University. He was a member of the Angola Christian Church and a 50-year member of the Angola Odd Fellows Lodge, joining in 1942. He was the oldest living treasurer and clerk of Steuben County.

He was born Oct. 11, 1915, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to John and Rhoda (Barker) Maugherman. On April 21, 1946, he married Donna Carpenter, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son and his wife, Dennis and Shirley Maugherman of Hanover, Md.; three daughters and their husbands, Debbra and Richard Miller and Julie A. and John Stevens of Angola and Dara J. and Terry Archbold of Fremont; a sister, Alma Lange; a brother-in-law and his wife, Bill and Gladys Carpenter; many nieces and nephews; 10 grandchildren, Angela Nichols of Grand Rapids, Mich., April Maugherman of West Olive, Mich., Amber VandeVosse of Hamilon Mich.; Troy Miller of Noblesville, Jaime Shields of Zionsville, Corey Archbold of Angola, Christopher Archbold of Fremont, Bailey Archbold of Columbus, Ohio, Megan Stevens of Louisville, Ky., and William Stevens of Angola; and eight great-grandchildren, Brooke Smith, Marci VandeVosse, Xavier and Hunter Shields, Mackenzie and DeLaney Miller and Emma and Jack Archbold.

His parents; four brothers, Cletus, Jay, Dale and Willard Maugherman; two sisters, Eva Ward and Leona Carpenter; two half brothers, Orville and Starr Smith; and one half sister, Mabel Hollinger, preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert and the Rev. Sam Hoffman officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to Regional Cancer Care Center of Angola; Cameron Home Health and Hospice; and Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

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COACH: *Woman was former outstanding athlete*

TSU volleyball coach found dead

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ANGOLA — Tri-State University's head volleyball coach was found dead in the bathroom of her apartment early Monday by her roommate, authorities said.

Sarah Steele, 28, who had coached at Tri-State for two seasons, died of internal bleeding and foul play has been ruled out, said Rodney Snyder, Steuben County coroner.

Steele

"The preliminary report showed an abdominal bleed," Snyder said. "It appears to be all natural causes."

An autopsy was conducted Monday in Fort Wayne. Results from other standard testing are pending, Snyder said.

After Steele was found by roommate Nikki Bergman, an assistant volleyball and women's basketball coach, Steuben County Communications received a 911 call at 7:27 a.m., Snyder said.

"The entire TSU family mourns the loss of Sarah," TSU President Earl D. Brooks II said in a statement posted on the university's Web site. "She was a great role model for our athletes, a dedicated employee, great colleague and friend to us all. Her family and friends will be in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time."

Tri-State officially notified administration and faculty of Steele's death in an e-mail distributed at about 10:40 a.m. Monday. The e-mail said as details surrounding Steele's death and funeral arrangements became available, they would be distributed to the campus community.

"I thought Sarah was a fantastic volleyball coach. But it goes far beyond that because of the quality person that she was," athletic director David Anspaugh said. "She was a great mentor who cared deeply about the kids."

She was young, joyful and delightful. She was a wonderful addition to our athletic family. To lose her in a premature fashion is devastating."

In addition to being head volleyball coach, Steele was an assistant sports information director.

In two seasons at Tri-State, Steele compiled a 20-36 record. Her team was honored for its academic prowess. The 2005-2006 team had a cumulative 3.36 grade point average. It received the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Team Grade Point Average Award and was one of 44 NCAA Division III volleyball programs to receive the Game Plan/American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for the 2005-2006 season.

Prior to joining TSU, Steele worked at Grand Valley State University where she was a graduate assistant in 2004. The Lakers' 2004 season ended with a loss in the semifinals of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament. The team had an overall record of 27-7 on the year.

Steele played volleyball for two seasons at Grand Rapids Community College, where she earned her associate of arts degree. While at GRCC, she was team co-captain for two seasons and won the Donald R. Black Award for the outstanding female student athlete.

After graduating from GRCC, she went on to Michigan State University where she graduated with a bachelor of science in kinesiology.

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Manslaughter pleaded in Cromwell hammer killing

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BOB BRALEY

Christine A. Ratliff is escorted into the Noble County Courthouse Monday to plead guilty to manslaughter for the alleged killing of her boyfriend, Robert Moser, with a hammer May 21.

ALBION — A Ligonier woman pleaded guilty to manslaughter Monday in Noble Superior Court for allegedly killing her boyfriend with a hammer and now faces between 8 and 20 years in prison.

Christine A. Ratliff, 30, had been charged with murder and voluntary manslaughter, a Class A felony. She pleaded guilty Monday to Class B felony manslaughter, a lesser included charge within the Class A felony offense.

Ratliff allegedly struck Robert H. Moser, 29, of Syracuse with a carpenter's claw hammer multiple times, killing him, in the mobile home they were remodeling together at Lot 154 of the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park in Cromwell May 21.

Ratliff testified Monday that she had no criminal record prior to this time.

Under questioning by defense attorney Donald Swanson Jr. Monday, Ratliff said she committed the act suddenly without premeditation, and that she had done so because of her child and "other things."

Asked after the hearing about the reference to the child and other things, Swanson said that Ratliff snapped after Moser had allegedly threatened to kill her brother and harm her son.

Moser was wanted on multiple warrants in several area counties on charges such as child neglect, battery and being a violent felon in possession of a handgun, Swanson said.

The defense attorney said Ratliff regrets killing Moser. "I think she was so remorseful, that's why she turned herself in," he said.

Ratliff wept during her testimony Monday. Several others in the courtroom gallery did as well.

A plea agreement in the case calls for Ratliff to serve eight to 20 years for the offense.

Superior Court I Judge Stephen

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HAMMER: *Sentencing hearing in case set for Jan. 19*

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Spindler explained to Ratliff that a plea agreement filed in the case would be a contract between her, the state and the court if the court accepts it. That means the terms could only be changed if all parties agree, he said.

"Whatever those terms indicate, that's what you're going to be stuck with," he said.

The agreement calls for a minimum sentence of eight years with the judge to decide on a sentence of between eight and 20 years. Fines, court costs and terms of probation or a suspended sentence will also be up to the judge.

Ratliff would get credit for time she has served in jail since she confessed and turned herself into police May 21, according to the agreement.

A sentencing hearing was set for Jan. 19. The Noble County Prosecutor's Office will speak with Moser's family about who will act as a victim's representative at the sentencing, since Moser cannot speak for himself, Spindler said.

Spindler may serve as a pro tem judge at sentencing, since his term will have expired Dec. 31. That decision will be up to Superior Court 1 Judge-elect Robert Kirsch.

Moser died after suffering injuries to the skull and brain, according to autopsy results reported by Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff. Unconsciousness was immediate and death soon followed.

Murder — which is the only felony under Indiana law not labeled as Class A, B C or D — carries a sentencing range of 45-65 years in prison. Under certain circumstances, prosecutors may seek the death penalty in murder cases in Indiana.

According to the Indiana Department of Correction Web site, the victim in the case had a history of criminal offenses dating back to 1996, although none were in Noble County.

Arguably the most spectacular was his Allen County conviction of Nov. 18, 2003, for resisting law enforcement and unlawful firearm possession by a serious felon, the Web site said.

Moser was also convicted of several offenses in Kosciusko County, including two counts of escape on June 4, 1996, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated and resisting law enforcement on Dec. 15, 2003, according to the Web site.

Leonard Frazier

FORT WAYNE — Leonard Frazier, 88, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Eel River Township in Allen County died at 7:14 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient the past week. Among his survivors is his wife, Connie. Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Crash kills 2 teen siblings

WANDA YODER

This 1997 Chevy Cavalier was totaled after it crashed Monday night in rural LaGrange County. Two teenagers were killed in the crash, and their 10-year-old brother remains hospitalized this morning.

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BY MATT GETTS
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HOWE — Two children in a family were killed and another seriously injured after their car crashed in rural LaGrange as they were coming home from a Christmas party Monday night in Sturgis, Mich.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:28 p.m. on C.R. 750N near a residence at 7570 East, according to a LaGrange County Sheriff's Department press release.

The victims were from Orland in Steuben County. Pronounced dead at the scene were Jennifer Svencner, 16, and Christopher Svencner, 14. A third sibling, Kenneth Svencner, 10, was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Kenneth Svencner was listed in serious condition this morning, according to the hospital.

LaGrange County Sheriff Greg Dhaene said the three children were returning to their home after attending their mother's work party at Wal-Mart in Sturgis.

According to the press release, Jennifer Svencner was driving a 1997 Chevy Cavalier eastbound on C.R. 750N too fast to negotiate the curve at 7570 East.

Dhaene said the Cavalier left the

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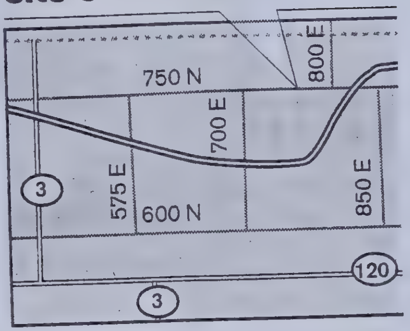
Site of accident



ERIN DOUCETTE

CRASH: *Indiana State Police assisting in investigation*

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roadway and overturned before striking a large tree. Dhaene said the accident did "significant" damage to the roof of the car.

Christopher Svencner was a front-seat passenger in the vehicle, according to Dhaene. Kenneth Svencner was a rear-seat passenger.

The LaGrange County Sheriff's Department is being assisted in its investigation by the Indiana State Police.

Alice Burris

AUBURN — Alice Ann Burris, 67, of Auburn and formerly of Snow Lake, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Burris was a registered nurse. She graduated from Parkview School of Nursing in 1960. She was a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church and the church choir and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus.

Mrs. Burris

She was born May 10, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Clover (Bright) Drage. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Robert K. Burris; two sons and daughters-in-law, David M. and Dawn Burris of Waterloo and Brent A. and Nancy Burris of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Malorie, Grace, Madison, Jacob, Graham, Mary, Daniel and Luke Burris; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rebecca J. and James Miller of Fort Wayne and Janet S. and Michael Lewinski of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Nancy K. Johnson of Madison, Wis.

Services will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Learning and Development Center at Trinity English Lutheran Church or to Clear Lake Lutheran Church.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to provide additional information.*

Floeila Baker

ALBION — Floeila M. Baker, 89, of Albion died at 2:55 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Baker was a lifetime Noble County resident. She enjoyed cooking, reading and fishing. She had been the study hall supervisor at Wolf Lake School and had been employed at Wolf Lake Products.

Mrs. Baker was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church and will be remembered as a loving wife and grandmother.

She was born July 11, 1917, in Noble County to Victor and Alta (Baird) Weber. She married Walter Baker on Aug. 24, 1935, in the Albion Methodist Church. He died March 11, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters, Lucille Tumlison and her husband, Dave, of Jackson, Mich., Linda Butler-Whittaker and her husband, Jack, of Kendallville and Ann Gaerte and her husband, Doug, of Albion; two sisters, Thelma Ott and Nelda Owen, both of Albion; a sister-in-law, Martha Weber; nine grandchildren, Tim Tumlinson, Walter Tumlinson, Robert Tumlinson, Lisa Balliet, Mindy Baldwin, Lorie Tipsord, Joe Butler, LeAnn Parker and Angie McCoy; 17 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, John Butler; a great-grandson, Benjamin Baldwin; three brothers, Glenn Weber, Floyd Weber and Vaughn Weber; and three sisters, Helen Walker, Wanda Jackson and Ruth Norris.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be in Merriam Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Fredric Sutorius

KENDALLVILLE — Fredric Merle "Fred" Sutorius, 55, of Kendallville died at 4:25 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sutorius had lived in Kendallville 20 years and at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla the past six months.

He had been employed at ARC of Allen County and Foundations in Albion. He had also volunteered at Trinity Church United Methodist and the Cole Center Family YMCA, both in Kendallville.

Mr. Sutorius

Mr. Sutorius was a member of the Pinbusters bowling team, Raiders ARC basketball team, Arcola Lions Club and had been involved with Special Olympics for many years.

He enjoyed doing ventriloquism with his dummy Charlie McCarthy, fishing, bowling, basketball, music, horses, swinging in the park, serving his church and the Beatles.

He was born March 2, 1951, in Fort Wayne to Edward and Josephine Freda (Butler) Sutorius. They are deceased.

Surviving are four sisters and brothers-in-law, Danita and Jay Simmers of Kendallville, Mary and Jonathan Trahan of Negley, Ohio, Connie and Walter Rose of Fort Wayne and Wendy and Dave Blaser of Findlay, Ohio; a brother, Ed Sutorius of Portland, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Huntertown. Pallbearers will be Dan Solero, Matt Trahan, Ben Solero, Josh Hollis, Edwin Marcano and Jeff Bennett.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Park Department for a swing to be erected in Mr. Sutorius' memory.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Glen Culbertson

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Glen Albert Culbertson, 91, of Okeechobee, Fla., died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Raulerson Hospital.

Born Nov. 12, 1915, in Auburn, he had lived in Okeechobee for the past 11 years.

He enjoyed fishing and bowling. He was a lifetime member of the Moose and Elks lodges and was a member of the Eagles.

Surviving are his wife of 10 years, Rosie Culbertson; two stepsons, Mark Cook of Auburn and John P. Cook and his wife, Kathy, of Greenwood; two stepdaughters, Sarah K. Cook of Auburn and Judy L. Cook of Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Mark Heller, Debra Eberhard and Diana Dunkel.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marsha Heller.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel, 110 N.E. 5th St., Okeechobee.

Memorials are to Good Shepherd Hospice of Highlands County, P.O. Box 1881, Sebring, FL 33871-1884.

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Vivian Smith

HOWE — Vivian May Smith, 86, of Howe died Monday Dec. 11, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Smith resided in the Howe/Brighton area all her life.

She was born May 23, 1920, at home in Ontario, Ind., to Fred and Anna (Boyd) Parish. Her early education was at the Ontario School and then she attended and graduated from the Lima School with the class of 1938. In her early years she found the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was also baptized at the Ontario Methodist Church. After the church burned, Vivian and her family became members of the Ontario Congregational Church.

Mrs. Smith

She and Henry Smith were married on Aug. 17, 1941, at the Ontario Congregational Church in Ontario by Pastor Charles Light. The couple then became members of the English Prairie Church of the Brethren in Brighton where she taught Sunday school for many years.

The couple owned a grain and hog farm operation near Brighton. She was also employed for a number of years at Ross Labs in Sturgis, Mich.

She is survived by her husband, Henry; a son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Linda Smith of West Chicago, Ill.; two grandchildren, Lia and Luke ; and a sister, Dona Gene Henricks of Mongo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Evelyn Parish and Ilene Nelson; and three brothers ,Vernal, Evan, and Warren "Frankie" Parish.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the English Prairie Church of the Brethren in Brighton with the Revs. Dwight Kauffman, Sam Smith and Ray Barkey officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery.

Dr. James Chandler

CHURUBUSCO — Dr. James H. Chander, 70, of Churubusco died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006.

He was a professor of music for 20 years. Before teaching at the college level, he was the director of bands at several Indiana high schools including Warren Central High School from 1968 until 1978. Most recently he taught at Grace College at Winona Lake. He retired in 2003.

Mr. Chandler was a member of several professional music organizations and was still active in the music community, teaching private lessons and judging music competitions.

He was born Nov. 7, 1936, in Indianapolis to Howard and Betty (Hallett) Chandler.

Surviving are a daughter, Darlene Chandler and her husband, Bob Schneider; a son, William Chandler; a sister, Marcia Phillips; three grandchildren, Jennifer Chandler, Michael Chandler and James Schneider; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary L. Chandler.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., Indianapolis.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Gladys Clear

AUBURN — Gladys Irene Clear, 80, of Auburn and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and member of First Church of God in Kendallville.

For many years, Mrs. Clear baked cookies each week and delivered them to Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and was always thinking of other people.

Mrs. Clear

Mrs. Clear enjoyed crafts, cooking, and baking.

She was born in Corunna on Jan. 25, 1926, to Ford Daniel and Luella Faye (Vian) Zerkle. She married Don Emorel Clear on Feb. 5, 1944, in the United Brethren Church parsonage in Corunna. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Shelia Ulrey of Waterloo and Rochelle Williford of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Jerald Furrow of Waterloo, Daniel Furrow of Waterloo, Everett Furrow of Waterloo, Samuel Woods of Kendallville, Stan Woods of Kendallville, Jeremy Woods of Auburn and Danetta Hawk of Muncie; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Jim Kane officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com

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John Wiggins

INDIANAPOLIS — John Franklin Wiggins Sr., 89, of Indianapolis died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, in Johnson County Hospital, Franklin.

Mr. Wiggins was born on June 5, 1917, in Helena, Mont., to Rufus Monroe and Mallie (Moxley) Wiggins.

He was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church. He was a longtime member of Grace United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, and most recently the United Methodist Church of Cicero, where he was a trustee. He also belonged to the United Methodist Men's Organization. He was very active with the Boy Scouts of America, CAC Pioneer Distrtict. He was a Silver Beaver recipient and was a member of the Tuesday Crew. He was a lifetime resident of Indianapolis and was a decorated U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Wiggins

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John Jr. and Dottie Wiggins of Martinsville and David and Sue Wiggins of Snow Lake; a daughter, Janice Nolan of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mary Florence (Hunt) Wiggins.

Services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Funeral Home, Indianapolis. Calling will be Saturday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the CAC Pioneer District of the Boy Scouts of America, Indianapolis.

Deborah Larrance

HAMILTON — Deborah Ann Larrance, 57, of Hamilton died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Larrance was a quality auditor at Meridian Automotive in Angola.

She was born Feb. 13, 1949, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Donald and Esther (Smitley) Snell. She married Larry W. Larrance on Oct. 28, 1978. He survives.

Mrs. Larrance

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles Larrance of Angola and Lain and Jennifer Larrance of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Tanner and Taven Larrance of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Grabill Missionary Church, Grabill, with the Rev. William Lepley officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, and also one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Blanche Kay

MOROCCO. Ind. — Blanche May Kay, 96, of Morocco died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at George Ade Memorial Health Care Center in Brook.

Mrs. Kay was a cook and waitress at several Newton County restaurants. She was a member of the E.U.B. Methodist Church of Morocco, American Legion Auxiliary and Royal Neighbors of America Camp 2644. She was a 50-year member of the former Beaver Township Home Ec Club.

Born July 10, 1910, to the late Arnet Purdy and Ida May Dickey Purdy in Morocco, she attended Morocco schools and was a life resident of the community.

She married Milton William Kay on May 16, 1928, in Morocco, and he died Dec. 7, 1965.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles and Margaret Kay of Albion, Jim and Dorothy Kay of Clanton, Ala., and John Sr. and Yvonne Kay and Delbert Wayne Kay, all of Antor, S.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and Larry Batchelor Sr. of Morocco; and her siblings, Alice Warne of Morocco, Delbert Purdy of Oak Lawn, Ill., and Georgie Earl Purdy and Eldon Purdy and his wife, Beverly, all of Indianapolis; more than 25 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sons, five sisters, five brothers and a grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the E.U.B. Methodist Church in Morocco.

Pastor Royal Voeller will officiate. Interment will be in Oakland Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Steinke Funeral Home of Morocco.

Memorials are to E.U.B. Methodist Church or the Royal Neighbors.

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Teachers remember siblings

Jennifer Svencner

Christopher Svencner

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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BRUSHY PRAIRIE — Sixteen-year-old Jennifer Svencner was remembered by her teachers at Prairie Heights High School as caring, thoughtful and determined.

Her brother Christopher, 14, was described by his teachers at Prairie Heights Middle School as spirited, energetic and fun-loving.

On Monday night, Jennifer and Christopher Svencner of Orland were killed in a car crash in rural LaGrange County as they were coming home from a Christmas party in Sturgis, Mich.

Jennifer and Christopher's younger brother Kenneth, 10, was riding in the back seat of the car. He was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was listed in fair condition this morning.

Jennifer, a junior, was a second-year peer mentor in the Peers Educating Peers (PEP) program at PH.

"She shared her values with younger students, helping them to make positive choices," said Karen Frey, who coordinates the PEP program. "I appreciated

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SIBLINGS: *Christopher Svencner, 14, loved to read*

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her enthusiasm."

Jennifer was in choir at PH. Her choir director, Beth Stepp, remembered a time recently when choir students were asked to write about someone who had been a role model for them.

"The first sentence Jennifer wrote was something to the effect of, 'My role model and best friend is Jesus Christ.' She then proceeded to write a page and a half.

"She was also to have included what one thing about that person she admired and would like others to see in her," Stepp continued. "She wanted people to see the caring for others that Christ had."

Stepp said Jennifer "was a nice young lady to have in choir."

"She had smiles for me everyday and was just an all-around friendly girl," Stepp said. "She tried so hard in choir to do her best, and seemed to give her all. She had really matured this year."

Aside from choir, Jennifer was also active in cheerleading, soccer and softball at Prairie Heights. She was in the Leo service club and also participated in student council (she had planned to run for vice president). She aspired to be a teacher and was a cadet teacher for first- and third-graders at Prairie Heights Elementary.

Where Jennifer was remembered for her determination, her brother Christopher, a seventh-grader, was remembered as something of a class clown, always doing things to get people to laugh.

Mary Redden, who heads up the media center at PH, said Christopher was a fixture in her department.

"He loved to read," she said. "During the school fund-raisers, Chris was the first one in the media center to ask me to buy something for our school. He was a good salesman. I will always remember him and keep the family in my prayers."

Christopher was a member of the Boy Scouts.

The accident that took the pair's lives happened on C.R. 750N just before 8:30 p.m. A news release from the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department said Jennifer was driving eastbound when she failed to negotiate a curve near 7570 E. C.R. 750N. The car left the roadway and overturned before striking a large tree.

Prairie Heights superintendent Paul Thomas said crisis telephone hotlines had been set up for students to help them deal with the tragic loss of their classmates. Local ministers were brought into both schools on Tuesday to help counsel grieving students.

"They're doing as well as can be expected," Thomas said. "It's certainly a trying time."

The Svencners' accident was the second fatality involving Prairie Heights students in less than two months. On Oct. 18, PH senior Matthew Hayward, 18, was killed when he missed a stop sign at C.R. 350N and C.R. 800W and was struck by an oncoming van in Steuben County, near Lake Gage.

Obituaries for Jennifer and Christopher appear on Page A4.

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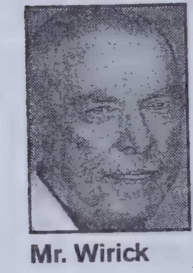
Melvin Wirick

KENDALLVILLE — Melvin Richard "Mel" Wirick, 76, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Wirick had served on various local and state boards and was involved with several organizations.


Mr. Wirick

He was a member and officer of the Kendallville Elks Lodge, twice past president of the Kendallville Kiwanis Club and served as past lieutenant governor of the Indiana Kiwanis in 1993. He was honored with the McCulloch Award of the Indiana Kiwanis in 2004.

Mr. Wirick was a founding member of the East Noble Key Club; past member of Kendallville Park Board; Lake View Cemetery Board member; and the Wayne Township Advisory Board member.

He also was a member of the American Legion Post 86 and Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749, both in Kendallville.

Mr. Wirick was a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

He was a former Little League Baseball coach and board member of the Kendallville Youth Baseball League. He loved watching his grandsons play sports and enjoyed playing golf.

Mr. Wirick was born in Albion on April 13, 1930, to Thomas and Lera (Heltzel) Wirick.

He graduated from Albion High School in 1949 and entered the United States Army in 1951, serving his country in the Korean War until 1953.

He then married Shirley Ann Marshall on June 8, 1955, in South Milford.

Mr. Wirick went back to school and in 1958 received a bachelor's degree in education from Ball State University.

He was employed with Pepsi Cola Co. in Muncie and Anderson from 1954-1969 and then managed a sales territory with the Vernon Co. from 1970-1993.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Wirick of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lisa Wirick of South Bend and Pam and Mike Kline of Rome City; a son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Angela Wirick of Fremont; a sister, Mary Belle Kline of South Milford; and five grandchildren, Lucas Kline of Rome City and his fiance, Bridgett Kessling of Avilla; and Trevor Wirick, Seth Wirick, Jessica Behrman and Emily Behrman, all of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by parents; five brothers, Robert, Ray, Walt, Al, and John Wirick; and three sisters, Ruth Reinoehl, Helen Kief and Ruby Shaffer.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor John Maxson officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wayne Center Church or Kendallville Youth Baseball.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Sara Foote

ALBION — Sara Elaine Foote, 19, of Bear Lake near Albion died unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, in Auburn.

Miss Foote

Miss Foote attended Smith-Green Community Schools in Churubusco and later attended Central Noble Schools and East Noble High School.

She was born Dec. 25, 1986, in Springfield, Ohio, to Herbert and Nancy (Bowers) Foote. Her mother survives in Hamler, Ohio, and her father survives at Bear Lake.

Also surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Andy Foote of South Bend and Monte and Inez Daffom of Albion; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and Jeff Showen of Hamler and Lora and Kevin Bergman of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Salamonia Cemetery in Jay County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Marja Marcelle Voss

WATERLOO — Marja Marcelle Voss, 96, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Voss was a teacher of music, art and Latin for 39 years. She taught in Waterloo for most of her career, but also worked in St. Joe, Fort Wayne and Auburn, and retired from DeKalb High School in 1974 as the only Latin teacher the school ever had.

Mrs. Voss

Music was her passion. She traveled with her choirs all over the country and to performances on television.

Mrs. Voss was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, where she was the choir director for nearly 60 years.

She was the valedictorian of Butler High School's class of 1928. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana Central College in 1932 and her master's degree from Ball State in 1948.

She was born Dec. 3, 1910, in Butler to Carl and Emma Viola (Zirkle) Smith.

She married Wayne C. Voss on Nov. 25, 1937, in Butler. He died Sept. 3, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter and two sons-in-law, Karen D. and Ronald E. Feller of Waterloo and Jan David of Kendallville; a brother, Walter Smith of Auburn; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Kim and Jack Clark, David and Laurie Feller, Kris Feller, Rex and Jane Feller, Andy and Krissy David, Nick and Katie David, and Rocky David; nine great-grandchildren, Karri Clark, Erin Potter and her husband, Zack, Justin Clark, Korri Clark, Megan Marcelle Feller, Luke Feller, Kayla Feller, Rylee JoAnn David and Rae JoAnn David; and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, JoAnn David, and a sister, Kathryn Miller, in addition to her husband.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. The Rev. Charles Smith, her nephew, and the Rev. Rex Charles will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Shirley Mahoney

STUART, Fla. — Shirley McWilliams Mahoney of Stuart and Angola died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at Treasure Coast Hopice Residence in Stuart.

She is survived by her husband, Leo J. Mahoney Jr. of Stuart and Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Kris Mahoney of Indianapolis; three daughters and sons-in-law, Shannon M. Mahoney and Michael V. Cullinan of Dublin, Ireland, Erin E. Mahoney and Charles E. Meyer of Tulsa, Okla., and Megan Ann Mahoney of Westfield; and 10 grandchildren.

She was proceeded in death by her parents, James C. McWilliams and Patricia Dougherty McWilliams of Indianapolis.

Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1200 E. 10th St. Stuart, Fla., with Father Noel McGrath officiating.

Martin Funeral Home & Crematory in Stuart is in charge of arrangements.

Patsy Dellinger

DECATUR — Patsy I. Dellinger, 80, of Decatur died at 9:10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Woodcrest Nursing Center.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Dellinger had been a member of American Legion Post 207 Auxiliary in Willshire, Ohio, for 58 years.

She was a graduate of Monroe High School.

She was born Aug. 12, 1926, in Adams County to John and Marie (Essex) Fox. She married Ted E. Dellinger on May 3, 1947, in Monroe. He died Feb. 22, 1984.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Toni and Robert Pentino of Wabash, Teresa and Marty Papai of Avilla, Tamara and Ken Cochran of Willshire, Tracy and Arthur Ulrich of Naples, Fla., and Trudy and Greg Morrison of Coldwater, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ted Jr. and Jan Dellinger of Lancaster, Pa., and Tim and Christina Dellinger of Willshire; a brother, Robert Fox of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Shirley Johnson of Monroe; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson; a great-grandson; and a brother-in-law.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur with the Rev. John Follett officiating. Burial will be in Willshire Cemetery in Willshire.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. today at Woodcrest Chapel, 1300 Mercer Ave., Decatur, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Adams County Community Foundation — Heart Fund or American Legion Post 207 in Willshire.

Condolences may be sent online to www.zwickjahn.com.

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Christopher Svencner

ORLAND — Christopher Michael Svencner, 14, of Orland died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near LaGrange County. His sister, Jennifer, was also killed in the accident.

He was born Sept. 9, 1992, in Mattoon, Ill. to Frank and Veronica (Tomlin) Svencner. The family moved to Orland in 1996.

Christopher Svencer

He was a student at Prairie Heights Middle School, where he was in the seventh grade. He was a member of the soccer team and the baseball team. He was a very active member of the Boy Scouts of America, and had reached the Life Scout level. He was working toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

He was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson, Mich., and was a member of the choir at Prairie Heights.

He enjoyed playing computer games.

Surviving are his parents in Orland; a brother, Kenneth Svencner at home; grandparents, Ralph and Georgeann Tomlin of Orland, Frank and Virginia Svencner of Crown Point and Darlene and Donald Blazejewski of Sun City, Ariz.; a great-grandmother, Cecilia Tomlin of Peoria, Ill.; aunts and uncles Matt and Canda Tomlin, Michelle Tomlin, George Tomlin, Donna Svencner, Kim and Ted Pietraszak and Dorie and Donnie Zelyan; and several cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary of Assumption Church, with the Rev. Richard A. Fritz officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. with a scripture Rosary at 2:30 p.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson. Prayers will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Bronson.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

Jennifer Svencner

ORLAND — Jennifer Ann Svencner, 16, of Orland died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in LaGrange County. Her brother, Christopher, was also killed in the accident.

Miss Svencer

Miss Svencner was born Jan. 25, 1990, in Mattoon, Ill. to Frank and Veronica (Tomlin) Svencner. The family moved to Orland in 1996.

She was a junior at Prairie Heights High School, where she was active as a varsity cheerleader. She was a member of the school's softball team, choir, student council, Peers Educating Peers and the Leo service club. She was also active in cadet teaching.

She was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson, Mich. She was working at the McDonald's restaurant in Fremont. She loved children, enjoyed shopping and planned to become a teacher.

Surviving are her parents in Orland; a brother, Kenneth Svencner at home; grandparents, Ralph and Georgeann Tomlin of Orland, Frank and Virginia Svencner of Crown Point and Darlene and Donald Blazejewski of Sun City, Ariz.; a great-grandmother, Cecilia Tomlin of Peoria, Ill.; aunts and uncles Matt and Canda Tomlin, Michelle Tomlin, George Tomlin, Donna Svencner, Kim and Ted Pietraszak and Dorie and Donnie Zelyan; and several cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary of Assumption Church, with the Rev. Richard A. Fritz officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. with a scripture Rosary at 2:30 p.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson. Prayers will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Bronson.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Ratliff admits hammer slaying

ALBION — Admitting that she repeatedly struck her boyfriend with a hammer, a Ligonier woman will not face a murder charge.

Christine Anne Ratliff, 30, of Grand Street in Ligonier, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter Monday in exchange for a plea agreement that would dismiss the more serious murder charge.

Christine Ann Ratliff

Donald Swanson, Ratliff's attorney, said Monday that there was a six-month history of abuse that increased during their relationship that caused Ratliff to kill Robert Moser in the mobile home near Cromwell they had been renovating.

On May 21, 2006, Ratliff went to the Noble County Jail in Albion and told Jail Commander Greg Bricker that she had killed Moser with a claw hammer, according to testimony from police.

The original charge of murder could be dropped if Judge Stephen Spindler accepts Ratliff's plea agreement. Terms of the agreement call for Ratliff to be sentenced to 20 years with a minimum of 8 years to be served in prison.

Had she been convicted of murder, Ratliff would have been sentenced to 45 to 65 years in prison.

A sentencing hearing has been set for January 19, 2007.

Monday, Ratliff asked Judge Spindler, who is retiring December 31, if he would be presiding at the

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sentencing hearing. In order for that to happen, Judge-elect Robert Kirsch will have to appoint Spindler as special judge for the day.

During events that led up to Ratliff's hammer attack against Moser, he had apparently threatened to harm Ratliff, her son, and her brother which, according to Swanson, pushed her to the breaking point.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse declined to comment on evidence in the case that led to a plea agreement, preferring to wait until after the sentencing.

Moser had criminal records in Kosciusko and Allen counties. There was a warrant issued in March against him from Allen County for violating Re-Entry Court.

Moser led police in Fort Wayne on a chase with his 8-year-old stepdaughter in the car in May 2003. He stopped during the pursuit to pick up his mother before crashing his vehicle into two Indiana State Police cars in the parking lot of Carroll High School.

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Car-Train Crash Kills Kendallville Man

by Mark Hunter

A car-train crash killed a Kendallville man who was inside the car west of that city Friday night.

Ryan L. Kline, 34, died in the crash at the CR 500E crossing of the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. The accident happened just before 11:25 p.m., when an eastbound train struck the 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass.

The train's crew told police the vehicle appeared to be stopped on the tracks with its lights off, facing north, and that they saw no one inside at the time. The impact spun the vehicle around and threw it about a hundred feet, leaving the wreckage between the two sets of tracks.

A Kendallville Police officer was first on the scene and reportedly discovered Kline inside the car. Kline was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's office.

The operator of the train engine, Louis E. Young Jr. of Elkhart, wasn't injured. Train traffic was stopped in the area, and both the tracks and the county road were shut down while police investigated the crash, and crews checked the tracks to make sure there was no damage.

Police are continuing their efforts to find out why the car was apparently parked on the crossing. Units of the Sheriff's Department, Coroner's Office, Kendallville Police and Fire Departments, and Noble County Emergency Medical Service responded to the scene.

Jessie Artley, 91

ALBION - Jessie Naomi Artley, 91, of Albion died at 4:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had recently been admitted.

Mrs. Artley was a homemaker and had formerly lived in Goshen.

She had attended People Bible Church.

She was born June 9, 1915, in Green Township, Noble County, to Silas and Eulalia (Walburn) Gaff. She married Russell D. Artley on May 19, 1951, in Ligonier. He died Jan. 24, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald D. and Suzanne Hoover of Albion; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Max Gaff.

Services were held December 9, 2006 at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. The Rev. John Lutton of Ligonier officiated. Burial took place in Violett Cemetery.

Memorials are to Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

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Floeila M. Baker, 89

Floeila M. Baker, 89 of Albion, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2006 at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, IN. She spent her lifetime in Noble County, IN.

She was born in Noble County to Victor and Alta (Baird) Weber on July 11, 1917. Both parents are deceased.

She married Walter Baker on August 24, 1935 in the Albion Methodist Church. He preceded her in death March 11, 2001.

Mrs. Baker worked at the Wolf Lake School as a study hall supervisor before working for Wolf Lake Products.

She was a member of the Burr Oak Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, reading and fishing. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include: 3 daughters: Lucille (Dave) Tumlinson of Jackson, MI, Linda (Jack) Butler-Whittaker of Kendallville, IN and Ann (Doug) Gaerte of Albion, IN. 9 Grandchildren: Tim, Walter and Robert Tumlinson; Lisa Balliet; Mindy Baldwin; Lorie Tipsord; Joe Butler; LeAnn Parker; Angie McCoy and one on the way. 17 Great-Grandchildren and 10 Great Great Grandchildren. Survivors also include 2 sisters; Thelma Ott and Nelda Owen both of Albion, IN and 1 sister-in-law Martha Weber.

Preceding her in death were: 1 Grandchild: John Butler; 1 Great Grandchild Benjamin Baldwin. 3 brothers: Glenn, Floyd and Vaughn Weber and 3 sisters Helen Walker, Ruth Norris and Wanda Jackson.

Services were held December 13, 2006 at Brazzell Funeral Home at the Albion Chapel.

Burial took place at Merriam Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, IN.

John C. Centoben, Sr, 83

KENDALLVILLE – John C. Centoben, Sr., age 83, died on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, Indiana.

Mr. Centoben was born in Dennison, Ohio on July 7, 1923 to Clarence Sherman and Eunice (Thorton) Centoben. He was a United States Army WWII veteran serving in the military police guarding the English channel.

He retired in 1988 after 49 years as a supervisor with Superior Clay Products, Corporation located in Uhrichsville, Ohio. He later was employed as a security guard at General Electric in Dover, Ohio for about 10 years.

Mr. Centoben was an avid woodworker, bowler and enjoyed pitching horseshoes. He belonged to various bowling and horshoe pitching leagues in the past.

He also liked helping people and was very generous with his time and talents.

Survivors include: spouse, Margie Centoben of Uhrichsville, Ohio; daughter and son-in-law, Laura and John Schoonover of Kendallville; son and daughter-in-law, John and Carolyn Centoben of Baudette, Minnesota; four grandchildren and their spouses: Sherry and Bobby Pendleton of Douglas, Texas, Mary and Jim Young of Henderson, Texas, Peggy Husbands of Baudette, Minnesota, and Margie Harrington of Lake Charles, Louisana; 14 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren; sister, Irene Lehigh of New Philadelphia, Ohio; brother and sister-in-law, Allen and Mary Brinkley of Strasburg, Ohio.

Mr. Centoben was preceded in death by his parents, brothers; Prince, Varney, and Howard Brinkley and sister; Edna Garbrandt. Preceding him in death was a great granddaughter, Melody Young

Funeral Services were held at the graveside where the burial took place on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at Union Cemetery, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements Are By: Hite Funeral Home

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 13, 2006, Wednesday

Ryan Lee Kline, 34

KENDALLVILLE – Ryan Lee Kline, age 34, died on Friday, December 8, 2006 near Kendallville.

Ryan was born in Kendallville on November 22, 1972 to Duane L. "Dewey" and Twylia C. (Coney) Kline.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1992 and was employed with Pent Assembly in Avilla.

He loved spending time with his family and being outdoors. He was a Chicago Bears fan and an avid Dale Earnhardt, Jr and NASCAR fan.

Survivors include: his father and mother, Duane "Dewey" and Twylia Kline of Kendallville; daughters, Sarah Kline and son; Jonathon Kline both of Albion and Brittney Kline of Fort Wayne; brothers, Mike Ebert of Avilla, Todd Kline of Kendallville; sister and brother-in-law, Tiffaney and Rodney Glessner of Fishers, Indiana, aunts and uncles; Garry and Carol Coney of Albion, Sharon Slabaugh of Albion, Sonya and Terry Saddison of Sturgis, Michigan, and Sandy Falk of Pappllion, Nebraska; two neices, Ashley Kline of Avilla and Kara Glessner of Fishers; one nephew, Ethan Ebert of Avilla; great aunts, Pauline Caldwell of Kendallville and Maxine Field of California.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Justin Kline; maternal grandparents, Raymond and Deloris Coney; and paternal grandparents, Donald and Winifred Kline.

Funeral Services were Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 11:00 AM at Hite Funeral Home. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to a fund to support his children.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements Are By: Hite Funeral Home.

Blanche Kay, 96

MOROCCO -- Blanche May Kay, 96, of Morocco, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at George Ade Memorial Health Care Center in Brook.

Born July 10, 1910, to the late Arnet Purdy and Ida May Dickey Purdy in Morocco, she attended Morocco schools and was a life resident.

Her marriage was to Milton William Kay on May 16, 1928, in Morocco, and he died Dec. 7, 1965.

Mrs. Kay was a cook and waitress at several Newton County restaurants.

She was a member of E.U.B. Methodist Church of Morocco, American Legion Auxiliary and Royal Neighbors of America Camp 2644. She was a 50-year member of the former Beaver Township Home Ec Club.

Surviving are her children, Charles Kay (wife: Margaret) of Albion, Jim Kay (wife: Dorothy) of Clanton, Ala., John Kay Sr. (wife: Yvonne) and Delbert Wayne Kay, all of Antor, S.C., and Evelyn Batchelor (husband: Larry Sr.) of Morocco; and her siblings, Alice Warne of Morocco, Delbert Purdy of Oak Lawn, Ill., and Georgie Earl and Eldon Purdy (wife: Beverly), all of Indianapolis.

Also surviving are more than 25 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 2 sons, 5 sisters, 5 brothers and a grandson.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Steinke Funeral Home of Morocco. Funeral service 10 a.m. Wednesday at E.U.B. Methodist Church in Morocco, Pastor Royal Voeller officiating. Interment Oakland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to E.U.B. Methodist Church or the Royal Neighbors.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Fredric Sutorius, 55

KENDALLVILLE - Fredric Merle "Fred" Sutorius, 55, of Kendallville died at 4:25 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sutorius had lived in Kendallville 20 years and at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla the past six months.

He had been employed at ARC of Allen County and Foundations in Albion. He had also volunteered at Trinity Church United Methodist and the Cole Center Family YMCA, both in Kendallville.

Mr. Sutorius was a member of the Pinbusters bowling team, Raiders ARC basketball team, Arcola Lions Club and had been involved with Special Olympics for many years.

He enjoyed doing ventriloquism with his dummy Charlie McCarthy, fishing, bowling, basketball, music, horses, swinging in the park, serving his church and the Beatles.

He was born March 2, 1951, in Fort Wayne to Edward and Josephine Freda (Butler) Sutorius. They are deceased.

Surviving are four sisters and brothers-in-law, Danita and Jay Simmers of Kendallville, Mary and Jonathan Trahan of Negley, Ohio, Connie and Walter Rose of Fort Wayne and Wendy and Dave Blaser of Findlay, Ohio; a brother, Ed Sutorius of Portland, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Huntertown. Pallbearers will be Dan Solero, Matt Trahan, Ben Solero, Josh Hollis, Edwin Marcano and Jeff Bennett.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Park Department for a swing to be erected in Mr. Sutorius' memory.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Sara Elaine Foote, 19

Sara Elaine Foote, 19 a resident of rural Albion at Bear Lake, died unexpectedly Tuesday, December 12, 2006, in Auburn.

Born on December 25, 1986 in Springfield, Ohio, she was the daughter of Herbert L. Foote and Nancy (Bowers) Foote. During her primary years she attended Smith-Green Community Schools in Churubusco, and later attended Central Noble Schools and East Noble High School.

The surviving relatives include her mother Nancy (Bowers) Foote of Hamler, Ohio; her father Herbert L. Foote of Bear Lake; two brothers Andy Foote of South Bend and Monte (Inez) Dafforn of Albion; and two sisters Laura (Jeff) Showen of Hamler, Ohio, and Lora (Kevin) Bergman of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral home in Churubusco with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Thursday from 2-4 and from 6-8 p.m.

Final committal services and interment will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Salamonia Cemetery, Jay County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

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Kendallville, IN
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Victim's sister disputes report of jail death cause

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — The sister of a woman who died in her DeKalb County Jail cell Nov. 1 is disputing Sheriff John Dennis' report that Brenda Sue Scarrow died of natural causes.

"I am angry over what was in the paper," said Deb Scarrow of Auburn. "The investigation isn't over by the state police trooper."

Dennis called on the Indiana State Police to investigate the death, which is standard procedure in a jail death, he said. Detective Mark Heffelfinger was assigned to the investigation.

Brenda Scarrow was discovered not breathing at 3:41 a.m. Nov. 1 in her jail cell. After attempts to resuscitate her, DeKalb EMS medics took her to DeKalb Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Results of an autopsy were inconclusive, and toxicology tests of Brenda Scarrow's blood showed that medications she was taking "were within the expected parameters," according to Dennis, who was notified of the results by the county coroner's office last week.

Heffelfinger said he was scheduled to meet Wednesday afternoon with the deputy coroner handling the case, coroner-elect Jeff Warner, and Brenda Scarrow's doctor. He said he hopes to complete his investigation by Friday or early next week.

Deb Scarrow contends that her sister went without a

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medication for about three weeks, and that the medication resumed shortly before her sister's death.

"There is a warning on the bottle not to suddenly stop or restart" the medication, Deb Scarrow said. "I saw my sister the night before she died, and she just wasn't right," she continued. "She was stumbling, and couldn't stay awake. She just wasn't herself."

Brenda Scarrow had reported to the jail Oct. 10 to begin serving a sentence for driving while intoxicated.

Deb Scarrow said that since the death of her sister, she has received numerous telephone calls from people, many of whom she doesn't even know.

"They have told me about their experiences in the DeKalb jail, of not getting their medications, or not getting them right," she said.

"I am not mad at them (the jail staff), I just want justice," she said. "It just irritates me that the sheriff would say that, when the investigation isn't complete.

"People need to know that it is not over, that there is more to learn, that the investigation isn't complete," she said. She said she has hired an attorney to represent the best interests of her sister and her family.

Dennis said he is not surprised that an attorney has been hired. "That is pretty normal, and is not unexpected," he said.

The sheriff defended releasing the findings of the coroner, even though the state police are handling the investigation.

Heffelfinger said he would release his findings when he completes the investigation.

A story in our Tuesday edition incorrectly reported the date of Brenda Scarrow's death as Oct. 31, when it should have said Nov. 1.

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Christine Rodgers

GARRETT — Christine J. Rodgers, 87, of Garrett died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Rodgers

Mrs. Rodgers was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Saints Peter and Paul Church in Merrillville, the Garrett Garden Club and the Heimach Senior Center.

She was born July 24, 1919, in Star Junction, Pa., to Joseph and Mary (Punyi) Banfy. They preceded her in death.

She married Dean W. Rodgers on Nov. 17, 1945. He also preceded her in death.

She lived in Merrillville from 1951 to 2002. After her husband died, she moved to Garrett to live with her son.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Suzette Rodgers of Garrett; five grandchildren, Sarah Rodgers of Garrett, Anke and Silke of Germany and Espen and Stian of Norway; and a sister, Eleanor Field of Portage.

She was preceded in death by a brother, David Banfy, and a sister, Elizabeth Condeux.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. (Central Standard Time) in Saints Peter and Paul Church, Merrillville, with Father Dennis Teles officiating. Burial will be in Calumet Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 5-7 p.m. (local time) at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. (Central Standard Time) at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Merrillville.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Saints Peter and Paul Church.

Condolences are to condolencethomas@skyenet.net

Mary Ann Payton

SYRACUSE — Mary Ann Payton, 79, of Syracuse died at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Payton was a retired bookkeeper and secretary for Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

She was born July 17, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Charles M. and Lena A. (Tanger) Crooks.

Mrs. Payton was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier, where she was also part of the Ladies Prayer Group. She was also a founding member of the Golden Girls Club in Ligonier.

She grew up in the Fort Wayne area. She graduated from North Side High School in 1945 and attended Jackson Nursing School in Chicago. She moved to Syracuse in 1963 from Fort Wayne and was married on March 30, 1963, to James E. Payton. He preceded her in death in February 1973.

Surviving are three daughters, Ame and Bernie Hale of Burr Oak, Mich.; Andrea and David Hile of Syracuse; and Angela and Wayne Trusty of Syracuse; five stepsons, Charles Payton, Donald Payton, Ronald Payton and Tom Payton, all of Florida, and Larry Payton of Alabama; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her parents; three stepsons, Jim, George and Joe Payton; a sister, Billie M. Frain; and a brother, Jimmie T. Crooks.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Greenlawn Memorial Park, 6600 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Goshen Care at Home Hospice.

Owen Family Funeral Home, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Helen Myers

ANGOLA — Helen E. Myers, 89, of Angola died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Myers was born Aug. 26, 1917, in Sully County, S.D. to Clarence and Anna (Novy) Antrup. She was married to Ned R. Myers, and he preceded her in death on July 6, 1993.

She worked at Angola Weatherhead for nine years. She was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary, Weatherhead Pioneer Club and Weatherhead Retirees Club.

Surviving are three sons, Glen Wilber and James Wilber, both of Fort Wayne, and DeWayne Coy Myers of Canon City, Colo.; two daughters, Sharon Bowden of Lewisville, Texas and DeAnna Wilber of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Lester Antrup of Salem, Ellsworth Antrup of Mishawaka and Edward Antrup of Pleasant Lake; four sisters, Opal Hassett and Shirley Stultz, both of Fremont, Ann Comstock of Las Cruis, N.M. and Donna Budd of Coldwater, Mich.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Charles Antrup; and a sister, Jennie Flansburg.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Sarah Steele

ANGOLA — Sarah Diane Steele, 28, of Angola died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at home.

Miss Steele

Miss Steele formerly lived in Caledonia, Mich. She played volleyball for two years at Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids, Mich. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing.

She worked as an assistant coach at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich. and was also the head volleyball coach at Tri-State University in Angola, where she also assumed other duties.

Surviving are her parents, Jack and Anne Steele of Caledonia; a brother, Benjamin J. Steele of Caledonia; a grandmother, Celia Steele; a great-grandmother, Nellie Glupker; aunts and uncles Jim and Gladys Hoogterp, Bill and Judy Hoogterp, Bob and Carol Hoogterp, Rosemary and Pat Cox, John and Carol Hoogterp, Kathy and Andy Hubert and Sherri and Bob Dykstra; many cousins; her Tri-State University family and team; and good friend Nikki Bergman.

She was preceded in death by a grandmother, two grandfathers and a great-grandfather.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Grand Rapids, with the Rev. David LeBlanc officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Stroo Funeral Home, Grand Rapids.

Memorial services will be held at TSU at a later date.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

Memorials are to the Tri-State University Women's Athletic Program, 1 University Ave., Angola, IN 46703.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional survivors.*

Deborah Larrance

HAMILTON — Deborah Ann Larrance, 57, of Hamilton died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Larrance

Mrs. Larrance was a quality auditor at Meridian Automotive in Angola.

She was born Feb. 13, 1949, in Cleveland, Ohio to Donald and Esther (Smitley) Snell. She married Larry W. Larrance on Oct. 28, 1978. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles Larrance of Angola, Lain and Jennifer Larrance of Fort Wayne and Michael Larrance of Seattle, Wash.; and two grandchildren, Tanner and Taven Larrance of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Grabill Missionary Church, Grabill, with the Rev. William Lepley officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church today.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

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Robert Rathbun

FREMONT — Robert D. Rathbun, 64, of Fremont died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at home.

Mr. Rathbun

Mr. Rathbun was born Oct. 12, 1942, in Angola to Vere and Norma (Lytle) Rathbun. He was married to Deborah D. Doehrman on Dec. 5, 1964, in Angola. She survives.

He was employed for 43 years at Simpson Industries, now Metaldyne, in Fremont. He was a 1961 graduate of Fremont High School and a member of Clear Lake Baptist Church. He was a volunteer for Citizens Against Child Abuse of Steuben County.

He loved traveling, hunting, fishing and sports.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Scott Bokel of Fremont and Mindie and Randy Hassenzahl of Hamilton; his mother in Fremont; two sisters, Judi Worthington of Angola and Rita Potts of Fremont; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Sue Rathbun of Fremont; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and two sisters, Marilyn Hudson and Laura Garr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Clear Lake Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bill Case officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Baptist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Mildred Schafer

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred Naomi Schafer, 95, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Schafer

She was a homemaker and member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville where she was involved on the church's Parish Council. She was also a longtime member of Harvest House Senior Social Club.

She served on the resident advisory board at The Lamplighter where she resided for many years.

Mrs. Schafer was born in Warsaw on Oct. 8, 1911, to Harvey E. and Elsie (Knabenshoe) Marvel.

She graduated from South Side High School, Fort Wayne, and married Robert Russell Schafer on Oct. 9, 1935. He preceded her death on Nov. 19, 1965.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy Leedy-Ziebell and Ralph Ziebell of Wolcottville and Carolyn McCullough and Judi and Doug Watkins, all of Pinellas Park, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Susan (Wolfe) Schafer of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and their spouses, Deb and Steve Hasse, Greg and Julie Leedy, Steve and Chelli Leedy, Lisa Leedy, Tom and Kerri Leedy, Jill and Phil Hasiak, Mark Buell, Kathy Buell, Monte and Julie Watkins, Ryan and Christina Watkins, Angela and Greg Schade, Michael and Inger Schafer, Dawn Neuman and Zane Ziebell; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw. Active pallbearers will be Greg Leedy, Steve Leedy, Tom Leedy, Mark Buell, Michael Schafer, Monte Watkins and Ryan Watkins. Honorary pallbearers will be Deb Hasse, Lisa Leedy, Jill Hasiak, Kathy Buell, Angela Schade, Zane Ziebell and Dawn Neuman.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harold Harlan

ALBION — Harold "Pete" Harlan, 91, of Green Township, Noble County, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at the home of his daughter near Green Center. He had been in failing health for some time.

Among his survivors are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and "Mick'' Leatherman and Marily and George Pippenger, all of Albion, and Kathy "Susie" and Tom Hicks of Bradenton, Fla.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Sandra and Philip Dunn of Albion; and a stepson and his wife, Sam and Susie Harlan of Ablion.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
December 14, 2006, Thursday

Hammer-killer pleads; could get 8 to 20 years

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Ligonier woman pleaded guilty to manslaughter Monday in Noble Superior Court for allegedly killing her boyfriend with a hammer and now faces between 8 and 20 years in prison.

Christine A. Ratliff, 30, had been charged with murder and voluntary manslaughter, a Class A felony. She pleaded guilty Monday to Class B felony manslaughter, a lesser included charge within the Class A felony offense.

Ratliff allegedly struck Robert H. Moser, 29, of Syracuse with a carpenter's claw hammer multiple times, killing him, in the mobile home they were remodeling together at Lot 154 of the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park in Cromwell May 21.

Ratliff testified Monday that she had no criminal record prior to this time.

Under questioning by defense attorney Donald Swanson Jr. Monday, Ratliff said she committed the act suddenly without premeditation, and that she had done so because of her child and "other things."

Ratliff

Asked after the hearing about the reference to the child and other things, Swanson said that Ratliff snapped after Moser had allegedly threatened to kill her brother and harm her son.

Moser was wanted on multiple warrants in several area counties on charges such as child neglect, battery and being a violent felon in possession of a handgun, Swanson said.

The defense attorney said Ratliff regrets killing Moser. "I think she was so remorseful, that's why she turned herself in," he said.

Ratliff wept during her testimony Monday. Several others in the courtroom gallery did as well.

A plea agreement in the case calls for Ratliff to serve eight to 20 years for the offense.

Superior Court Judge Stephen Spindler explained to Ratliff that a plea agreement filed in the case would be a contract between her, the state and the court if the court accepts it. That means the terms could only be changed if

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all parties agree, he said.

"Whatever those terms indicate, that's what you're going to be stuck with," he said.

The agreement calls for a minimum sentence of eight years with the judge to decide on a sentence of between eight and 20 years. Fines, court costs and terms of probation or a suspended sentence will also be up to the judge.

Ratliff would get credit for time she has served in jail since she confessed and turned herself into police May 21, according to the agreement.

A sentencing hearing was set for Jan. 19. The Noble County Prosecutor's Office will speak with Moser's family about who will act as a victim's representative at the sentencing.

Spindler may serve as a pro tem judge at sentencing, since his term will have expired Dec. 31. That decision will be up to Superior Court One Judge-elect Robert Kirsch.

Moser died after suffering injuries to the skull and brain, according to autopsy results reported by Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff. Unconsciousness was immediate and death soon followed.

Murder — which is the only felony under Indiana law not labeled as Class A, B C or D — carries a sentencing range of 45-65 years in prison. Under certain circumstances, prosecutors may seek the death penalty in murder cases in Indiana.

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Michael Yelton

LIGONIER — Michael F. Yelton Sr., 57, of Ligonier died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Yelton moved to Ligonier from Hammond in 1973. He worked in the warehouse at Silgan for over 30 years, retiring in 1999. He also was a real estate broker for Able Realty in Ligonier for several years.

He was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier. His hobbies included classic cars, hunting, fishing, camping and traveling.

He was born May 8, 1949, in Hammond to Franklin R. Yelton and Marquerite (Wilsey) Yelton.

He married Myra Nibblett on Nov. 6, 1971, in Hammond. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael F. Jr. and Connie Yelton and Mark A. and Tanya Yelton, all of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Kayla, Brianne, Gabrielle and Samuel Yelton; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey S. and Rhonda Yelton of Chesterton; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathryn and Joe Lehman of Topeka, Lenora and Roy Johnson of Cape Coral, Fla.; Shirley and Bob Fleming of Columbia City and Sonja and Jim McCalmont of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; 10 nieces and nephews, 15 great-nieces and great-nephews and one great-great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Joseph Yelton.

Services were Tuesday at Stone's Hill Community Church, with Pastor Bill Parks and Pastor Joey Nelson officiating.

Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka. Pallbearers were Mark Yelton, Michael Yelton Jr., Jeff Yelton, Bob Fleming, Steve Sherick and Cliff Cornwell.

Arrangements were handled by J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Mary Ann Payton

SYRACUSE — Mary Ann Payton, 79, of Syracuse, went home to be with her Lord at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at the home of her daughter.

She was born on July 17, 1927 in Fort Wayne, to Charles M. & Lena A. (Tanger) Crooks.

She grew up in the Fort Wayne area. She graduated from Northside High School in 1945 and attended Jackson Nursing School in Chicago, IL.

Mrs. Payton

She moved to Syracuse in 1963 from Fort Wayne and was married on March 30, 1963 to James E. Payton who preceded her in February 1973.

Mrs. Payton was a retired bookkeeper/secretary for the Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

She was a member of the Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier, where she was also part of the Ladies Prayer Group. She was also a founding member of the Golden Girls Club in Ligonier.

Mrs. Payton is survived by: three daaughters: Mrs. Bernie (Ame) Hale of Burr Oak, Mich.; Mrs. David (Andrea) Hile of Syracuse; and Mrs. Wayne (Angela) Trusty of Syracuse.

Also surviving are five stepsons: Charles Payton, Donald Payton, Ronald Payton and Tom Payton, all of Florida; and Larry Payton of Alabama. Also, 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and several step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her parents; three stepsons: Jim, George, and Joe Payton; a sister, Billie M. Frain; and a brother, Jimmie T. Crooks.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 15, at Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 16, at the church, with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2: p.m. Saturday, December 16, at the Greenlawn Memorial Park, 6600 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne, IN

Memorial bequests may be given to the Goshen Care at Home Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church. To send condolences to the family in Mrs. Payton's memory, please visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Boy home after tragic family accident

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ORLAND — A Prairie Heights Elementary School student who was injured in a car accident Monday that took the lives of his two older siblings is home from the hospital.

The house supervisor at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne confirmed this morning that Kenneth Svencner, 10, who had been listed in fair condition on Tuesday, was no longer a patient at the hospital.

The accident in which Kenneth was injured happened when he and his older sister and brother were on the way back to their Orland home from a Christmas party at the Sturgis, Mich. Wal-Mart store where their mother, Veronica, worked. Jennifer Svencner, 16, was driving the vehicle; Christopher Svencner, 14, was a front seat passenger and Kenneth was riding in the back seat. Jennifer and Christopher both died.

A news release from the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department said Jennifer was driving a 1997 Cavalier eastbound on C.R. 750N when she failed to negotiate a curve. The car left the roadway and overturned before striking a large tree.

Jennifer was a junior at Prairie Heights High School, where she was a cheerleader and a member of the student council and choir.

Christopher was in the seventh grade at Prairie Heights Middle School. He was active in Boy Scouts.

The Svencner's accident was the second fatality involving Prairie Heights students in less than two months. On Oct. 18, PH senior Matthew Hayward, 18, was killed when he missed a stop sign at C.R. 350N and C.R. 800W and was struck by an oncoming van in Steuben County, near Lake Gage.

Funeral services for Jennifer and Christopher Svencner were at 11 a.m. today at St. Mary of Assumption Church in Bronson, Mich.

Steel Dynamics worker crushed to death by steel beam

COLUMBIA CITY (AP) — A Steel Dynamics Inc. worker helping load steel beams for shipment was crushed to death when at least one of the 3-ton beams fell on him, officials said.

James K. Hall, 41, died early Thursday in the accident at the company's Structural and Rail Division plant in Columbia City about 20 miles west of Fort Wayne.

Hall, of Fort Wayne, was helping another employee load wide-flange beams for rail car shipment when the accident occurred about 5:45 a.m.

General Manager Dick Teets said Hall was guiding another employee using a fork truck to move the beams to a railcar when one or more of the 3-ton beams fell, fatally pinning Hall.

Roman Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Roman W. Yoder, 77, of Middlebury died at 4:35 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Yoder was a carpenter and farmer.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born July 28, 1929, in Middlebury to William D. and Katie Ann (Yoder) Yoder. He married Fannie Mast on Feb. 22, 1951, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Arlene and Allen Bontreger of Middlebury; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jerry and Esther Yoder of Middlebury, Alvin and Becky Yoder of Bristol, Marlin Yoder of White Pigeon, Mich., and Omer and Tami Yoder of Elkhart; four half sisters, Edna and Henry Miller of LaGrange, Mary and Orlie Lambright of Topeka, Polly Yoder of Middlebury and Mattie and Ezra Graber of LaGrange; a stepsister and her husband, Ida and Joni Schwartz of Monroe; five half brothers and their wives, Dan and Mary Yoder of Middlebury, Sam and Elizabeth Yoder of Shipshewana, Perry and Verda Yoder and Melvin and Vera Yoder, all of Goshen; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Elizabeth (Bontrager) Yoder; a brother, David Yoder; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Clarence Wingard residence, 10104 C.R. 16, Middlebury, with Bishop Robert Mullet and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be all day today at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Harold Harlan

ALBION — Harold H. "Pete" Harlan, 91, of rural Albion died at 12:01 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at the home of his daughter near Green Center after suffering a stroke two weeks ago.

Mr. Harlan

Mr. Harlan had lived in Green Township his entire life. He had been a farmer and retired in 1964.

He was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel and attended Green Center United Methodist Church.

Mr. Harlan had spent the winter months in Bradenton, Fla., for nearly 30 years.

He enjoyed fishing and riding his three-wheeled bicycle in Florida.

Mr. Harlan was educated at the former Green School in Noble County.

He was born April 17, 1915, in Green Township to Fordis and Lillie (Kichler) Harlan. He married Kathryn Green on Feb. 24, 1940. She died March 27, 1973. He then married Viva Owen on Jan. 21, 1976. She died July 5, 2006.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Melford "Mick" Leatherman and Marily and George Pippenger, all of Albion, and Kathy "Susie" and Tom Hicks of Bradenton, Fla.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Sandra and Philip Dunn of Albion; a stepson and his wife, Sam and Susie Harlan of Albion; a sister, Ruth Lemmon of Middlebury; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Ethel Pfafman; two brothers, John Harlan and George Harlan; a half sister, Hazel Harlan; and a half brother, Leslie Growcock.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Green Center United Methodist Church, Merriam Christian Chapel, Riley Childrens Hospital in Indianapolis or to the donor's choice.

Rev. Robert Hoffman

HURON, Ohio — The Rev. Robert D. "Bob" Hoffman, 57, of Huron, Ohio died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky, Ohio.

Rev. Hoffman

Rev. Hoffman was born Nov. 11, 1949, in Randolph County to Warren and Mary (Barr) Hoffman. He was a 1968 graduate of Angola High School and a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He graduated from Atlanta Christian College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in theology.

He came to First Christian Church in Sandusky on March 18, 2006. Prior to that, he was the senior pastor at Meadowbrook Christian Church in Rochester Hills, Mich. from 1995 to 2004 and the associate minister of the deal at Mt. Carmel Christian Church in Stone Mountain, Ga. for 18 years.

His hobbies included being outdoors, deer hunting and fishing.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Rebecca A. (Hyatt) Hoffman; two children, Charles W. "Woody" Hoffman and Corrie E. Hoffman and her fiancé, Lee Corrwin, all of Huron; a sister and brother-in-law, Jody and Eric Nagel of Angola; and a brother, Danny Hoffman of Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, David and Greg Hoffman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at First Christian Church, Sandusky, with Greg Hambrick officiating. Calling will be from 9 a.m. until the time of the service today.

Graveside committal services with full military honors will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

Pfeil Funeral Home, Sandusky Chapel and Weicht Funeral Home, Angola are handling arrangements.

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Phyllis Klein

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis M. Klein, 72, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Canterbury Nursing & Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne.

Born in Kendallville, she was a secretary with Sun Appliance for 20 years and was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Brian and Sheryl Klein, Bradley Klein and Barry Klein, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Valerie Chaney of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Donald Rasp of Adams Lake and Barbara and Richard Kunkel of Fort Wayne; and her stepmother, Margaret Helmke of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald, in 1992.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with Pastor Carl Satre officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will also from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to Messiah Lutheran Church or the donor's choice.

Keith A. Shiley

ANGOLA — Keith A. Shiley, 73, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shiley was born on Feb. 7, 1933, in Angola, the son of George W. and Berdina (Wirrick) Shiley.

Mr. Shiley was retired from the U.S. Army. He also worked a long time as an independent trucker.

He is survived by his wife, Flora J. (King) Shiley, whom he married Feb. 2, 1952, in Humphreys Chapel, Angola; four sons, William, Fox River Grove, Ill., David, Virginia Beach, Va., Chris, Cedar Grove, Tenn., and Henry, Angola; three daughters Annette Shiley, Plymouth, Mich., Elizabeth Ebert, Kendallville, and Geraldine Elias, Fremont; a brother, Roger, Tennesee; a sister, Nora Penia, Florida; 14 grandchildren and four step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred Shiley.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Covington Memorial in Fort Wayne.

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Francis Scott

SOUTH BEND — Francis J. "Scottie" Scott, 83, of South Bend died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka.

Mr. Scott was born Sept. 4, 1923, in Pulaski County to Clyde E. and Clarice (Howe) Scott. He married Mary Vonda Kientz on May 10, 1947, in Winamac. She preceded him in death on Dec. 18, 2002.

He had lived in South Bend since 1947, moving there from Winamac.

He retired from Ward Baking Co. in 1972 after 23 years of service in route sales and management. He then went to work for Bodey Company Food Broker and retired in 1992.

He was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church, South Bend. He served in the United States Army during World War II from 1942-45.

He was a volunteer at the Center for the Homeless; served as a legal guardian for Logan Center; and volunteered for St. Vincent DePaul Society. He was a member of Nocturnal Adoration Society; Barney Barth Retreat Group; Bethage Mission (where he served as a member of the Human Rights Committee) and was an active resident at Tanglewood Trace.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Howard McKeever of Angola; three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Kathy Scott of South Bend, Jim and Christine Scott of Angola and Joe and Diane Scott of Dayton, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and four grandchildren-in-law, Chris and Lisa Williams, Kelle and Dee Henderson, Amy and Rob Briney, Blair and Lori Scott, Zach McKeever, Megan McKeever, Brad Scott, Derek Scott, Ben Scott, Molly Scott and Michael Scott; a sister, Betty M. Cramer of Winamac; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Jean Scott of Rochester.

He was preceded in death four sisters, Eula Plank, Lova Garrigues, Thelma Fagner and Wilma Jean Scott; and two brothers, Wilber L. and Clyde E. Scott Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Little Flower Catholic Church, with the Rev. Don Guertin officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the church, where eulogy services will be held at 6 p.m. Calling will also be one hour before services on Monday.

Graveside services and burial will be held in Highland Cemetery, South Bend, following funeral services.

Arrangements are being handled by Palmer Funeral Home, South Bend.

Memorials are to Center for the Homeless, 813 S. Michigan Ave., South Bend, IN 46601; or St. Vincent DePaul Society, 3408 Ardmore Trail, South Bend, IN 46628.

William Boden

AUBURN — William "Bill" Boden, 77, a resident of Auburn and Pine Island, Fla., died Dec. 6, 2006, in Cape Coral, Fla., following a brief illness.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service of Anderson is handling arrangements.

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Bernard Kleiman

PITTSBURGH — Bernard Kleiman, a leading American labor lawyer who was the United Steelworkers' (USW) chief negotiator with the steel industry for many years and a close adviser to five international presidents of the union, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, of cardiac arrest.

Mr. Kleiman grew up in Kendallville and played center on the Kendallville High School varsity basketball team.

His father operated Kendallville Iron & Metal Co. and the family — including his father Isadore, mother Pearl, brother David, and sister Carolyn — resided at 122 N. Orchard St.

Kleiman enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduation from high school just after the end of World War II and served in Korea. After the service, he returned to Indiana and attended Purdue University, majoring in metallurgical engineering. He then enrolled at Northwestern University School of Law, where he was awarded a law review position.

Kleiman, 78, had a distinguished 46-year career with the USW. He was general counsel from 1965 through 1997 and was most recently special counsel to the union's international president, Leo W. Gerard.

He officially retired from the union this past summer, but continued to report to work and was involved in the union's current strike against Goodyear as recently as last week.

Mr. Kleiman created the union's well-respected legal department in 1965, and played a key role in the April 1974 federal Consent Decree that brought the steel industry into compliance with the Civil Rights Act. That agreement opened mill jobs to African Americans and women.

During his tenure as General Counsel, the union had 18 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. The union won 13 of them. One was the Weber case, which affirmed the legality under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of affirmative action plans in employment.

Outside of the union, he was active in the Democratic Party, the Americans for Democratic Action, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Kendallville Public Library annually presents the Kleiman Creative Writing Contest originated when the children of Isadore and Pearl Kleiman wanted to give the library money and requested library staff assist them with a lasting tribute to their parents.

Isadore Kleiman was an avid reader, served on the library's board of trustees and encouraged his children and their friends to read.

Marilyn Dunten

ANGOLA — Marilyn Jane Dunten, 83, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006.

She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 1, 1923, to Lewis and Marie Phillips. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marianne Dunten, Janet and Dan Mulgrew and Marsha and Rod Fisher; one son, Bill Dunten; five grandchildren, Dave Mulgrew, Doug Mulgrew, Don Mulgrew, Jennifer Lutz, Olivia Dunten; and a great-granddaughter, Kelsee Lutz.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Dunten, and a companion, Kenneth Babbit.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Jan. 13, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with a gathering afterward at the Angola Moose.

A memorial service is also being held at Venture Out in Mesa Ariz., on Dec. 27 at the Oasis.

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David Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — David S. Yoder, 87, of Middlebury died at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Yoder was a farmer and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 13, 1919, in Elkhart County to Samuel C. and Sylvia (Hostetler) Yoder.

He married Ada Yoder on Nov. 8, 1945. She preceded him in death on Feb. 6, 2006.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Melvin Yoder of Middlebury, Mary Alice and Dannie Yoder of Middlebury and Esther Ellen and William Beechy of Topeka; seven sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin Lee and Elsie Yoder of LaGrange, Leroy and Rosa Yoder of Lewistown, Ill., Vernon and Marie Yoder of Strawberry, Ark., Elmer and Irene Yoder of Middlebury, Ernest and Freeda Yoder of Charlotte, Mich., David Wayne and Mary Katherine Yoder of Homer, Mich., Daniel and Ruby Yoder of Middlebury, and Patsy Yoder of Topeka; 71 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; a brother, Elmer S. Yoder of Fredericktown, Ohio; three sisters and brother-in-law, Alice Esther Yoder of Shipshewana, Laura Miller of Millersburg, Ohio, and Edna and Menno Miller of Leroy, Mich.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Samuel Jay Yoder; a grandson, Daniel Yoder; two great-grandsons, Ross Dewayne Yoder and Lavern Jay Yoder; four brothers, Harley, Owen, Ora and Calvin Yoder; and one sister, Wilma Yoder.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Dannie A. Yoder residence, 0820 N. C.R. 1150W, Middlebury, with Bishop Sam Bontrager and the Home Ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Condolences may be sent online at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Beverly Starrett

ORLAND — Beverly Starrett, 81, of Orland died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Starrett

She was born Sept. 6, 1925, in Gilead Township in Branch County, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Wayne Thompson

TOPEKA — Wayne L. Thompson, 86, of Topeka died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006.

He was a life-long resident of Topeka and was the 1938 valedictorian at Topeka High School.

He was a farmer and a member of the LaGrange County Farm Bureau since 1954.

Mr. Thompson was also Clearspring Township trustee for 19 years and voted in every election in the last 65 years.

He was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Topeka to Irmin and Lettie (Neff) Thompson.

He married June (Bower) Thompson on Dec. 18, 1943, in Elkhart and she survives. The couple would have celebrated 63 years of marriage on Monday.

Also surviving are one daughter and her fiancee, Marjorie Thompson and Tom Watson of Schererville; one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Jackie Thompson of Topeka; one grandson, Dennis Thompson Jr.; two brothers, Phil Thompson of LaGrange and Robert Thompson of Topeka; and one sister, Jeanette Sterling of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Robert Wyman officiating. Burial will at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be submitted to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Dean Earnhart

Mr. Earnhart

ALBION — Dean N. Earnhart, 75, of rural Albion in Green Township, died at 12:10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was hospitalized earlier in the day and had suffered complications after submitting to heart surgery.

As a young man he served with the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Earnhart was employed as a welder and maintenance worker for American Hoist in Fort Wayne for 20 years, until the plant closed. He was later employed part-time at Gross Drainage and Pankop Excavating in Churubusco.

A natural "fix-it" man, he also enjoyed farming and motorcycle riding.

He was born Oct. 10, 1931, in Kosciusko County near Pierceton to Nelson and Mary (Doke) Earnhart. He moved to Green Township as a boy with his parents.

He married Peggy Halferty on Aug. 25, 1956, in Columbia City. She survives.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Gene E. Earnhart, who died Nov. 24, 2006.

Surviving along with his wife are two sons, Kevin M. Earnhart and Kyle E. Earnhart, both of Albion; two sisters, Martha Smith of Avilla and Annamae Earnhart of Churubusco; two brothers and a sister-in-law, James and Mary Jane Earnhart and Frederic Earnhart, all of Albion; and two sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Bonnie Earnhart of Avilla and Ken and Audrey Halferty of New Haven.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with his nephew the Rev. Michael Halferty officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one-hour prior to the service on Monday.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Leonard Frazier

FORT WAYNE — Leonard D. Frazier, 88, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Eel River Township in Allen County, died at 7:11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time and had been hospitalized for the past week.

Mr. Frazier was born on March 2, 1918, in Eel River Township to Hiram and Emma E. (Bear) Frazier. He lived all his life there until moving to Fort Wayne 22 years ago.

He married Connie Griffith on March 24, 2001. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Marilyn Frazier, and one daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Joe Clifford, all of Churubusco; a sister Audrey Shenk of Easton, Md.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters, Hilda Sprouls, Beryle Young, Rhoda Burton and Doris Worth.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Frazier Farm, 10903 Carroll Road.

At the request of the family, there will be no calling hours.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

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Charles Caskey

LIGONIER — Charles H. Caskey, 92, of Ligonier died at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

He was a life-long resident of the Ligonier area.

Mr. Caskey was a farmer, professional butcher and a state highway employee.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, gardening and horseback riding. He also enjoyed writing, cooking, bird watching, jewelry making and reading Westerns.

He was born Feb. 27, 1914, in Sparta Township to Charles William and Sarah Elizabeth (Flynn) Caskey.

He married Kathryn Alice Long on Sept. 14, 1933, in Albion. She preceded him in death in September 2000.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Ronald Caskey, one granddaughter and one son-in-law, Larry Riley.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony "Butch" and Barbara Caskey and Richard "Dick" and Joyce Caskey, all of Ligonier; three daughters and son-in-law, Carolyn and Melvere Sheley of Bremen, Norma Riley of Goshen and Phillis and Jack Hart of Millersburg; 19 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and 17 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at J. A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Ray Barkey officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

SDI chief expresses sympathy for worker

COLUMBIA CITY — Steel Dynamics Inc. has issued a statement of sympathy to the family of a worker who died on the job Thursday.

James K. Hall, 41, of Fort Wayne died in an accident at the company's Structural and Rail Division plant near Columbia City.

"The entire SDI family extends heartfelt sympathies to Jim's wife and family," said a statement signed by Keith Busse, president and chief executive officer of Steel Dynamics.

"As a young company with tight-knit work groups and many close personal friendships, Steel Dynamics has an extraordinary esprit de corp among its employees," Busse said. "This loss is felt by Jim's colleagues at Columbia City and across the company."

The company said Hall was guiding another employee, who was using a fork truck to load wide-flange beams for rail car shipment, when the accident occurred about 5:45 a.m. Hall was crushed to death when at least one of the 3-ton beams fell on him, officials said. Company and state officials are investigating the accident.

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Mrs. Black lived on her own terms

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Eleanor Gladys Watts was feisty from a young age.

"Her name was Eleanor Gladys, but she hated it," said her daughter, Jan Wilson. "Her father called her his 'little ginger pie,' so she decided she'd go by Ginger."

And she did. No one, Jan said, ever called Ginger Watts by her given name.

"She'd tell people her name was Eleanor G., but that she liked to be called Ginger," Jan said. "Everyone just assumed Ginger was her middle name, but it wasn't."

Changing her name to suit her wasn't the last thing Ginger Morley Black did because it was what she wanted to do. She was a strong, independent woman who loved her family and friends fiercely. She wasn't afraid of hard work and she welcomed a challenge.

She lived her life on her own terms.

After a very busy, full 85 years, Ginger Morley Black passed away on Nov. 20.

Jan smiled when she described her mother.

"She was five feet tall. She always had jet-black hair that was piled on top of her head, and she always wore long, dangly earrings," she said. "And she never, never left the house without lip color on."

Ginger and her first husband, Robert Morley, were married for 29 years. They owned concessions stands at Circle Park in Hamilton and Buck Lake Ranch in the 1940s and 1950s, and went on to own the Top Hat and Azar's restaurants in Angola.

Ginger and Robert Morley drifted apart as the years went on, and they divorced when Jan was a senior in high school. In 1969, Ginger married again. She wed Robert "Blackie" Black in 1969.

"They were dancing fools," Jan said with a smile. "They were out and about all the time. They probably knew every restaurant special in the county."

Ginger Morley Black is pictured here with her first husband, Robert Morley, outside the Top Hat restaurant. The Morleys owned several eateries throughout Steuben County from the 1940s to the 1970s. This photo, the Morleys' daughter Jan said, was probably taken in the 1950s.

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Ginger opened her heart to Blackie's three daughters, and became a second mother to them. Although Blackie's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren lived in Alaska, he and Ginger made a point to maintain close ties.

"She and Blackie went to Alaska and they came here to visit," Ginger said.

Ginger adored Jan and Mac's three children, and became a doting grandmother to them.

"She was very proud," Jan said.

Ginger was a woman of varied interests. She was one of the first female pilots in Steuben County ("I wanted to be a stewardess and she said, 'Why not be a pilot?'" Jan said). She was "obsessed with her poodles" (her beloved pet Pickles, who was 15, was put to sleep right after Ginger died). She loved to play bingo and bowl.

"She started bowling in the 1950s and bowled until she was 80 years old," Jan said.

To keep her raven hair looking chic, Ginger had it done once a week.

"She had a standing hair appointment at Studio (II Creations in Angola) every Thursday at 9 a.m.," Jan said.

Jan went through a divorce some years back. She married her second husband, Mark Wilson, four years ago.

"He loved my mother," Jan said. "I feel blessed because he was so good to mom."

Although she retired from the restaurant industry, Ginger always had a love for cooking. Each year, she baked 30-50 pecan pies, which she gave away as gifts for the holidays. In the past few years, Jan had been helping her mother with the pies.

"I was delivering pies when she passed," Jan said. "I honestly believe that she died when she did because she wanted me to think of her every time I saw a pecan pie."

One of Ginger's greatest loves was being a mother. She had two children of her own (her son, Mac, died in 1968), and also was a foster parent.

"She was always a mom to all the neighborhood kids," Jan said.

Jan was a special education teacher for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 34 years. She retired this past year so she could "take care of Mama."

"I'm so glad we had that time," she said.

Jan said she can sum up her mother in three words: Feisty, spicy and spunky.

"And she was all of those things," she said lovingly, "until the day she died."

Christopher Sommers

CHICAGO — Petty Officer 3rd Class BM3 Christopher C. Sommers, 22, was killed in a single-car crash in Mokena, Ill., on Dec. 8, 2006.

Sommers

He was serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, stationed in Chicago. He previously served on the Icebreaker Mackinaw in Cheboygan, Mich.

He was born Oct. 6, 1984, to Scott and Robin Sommers, who survive in New Lenox, Ill. A sister, Jamie, is attending the University of Southern Illinois in Carbondale. His paternal grandparents are Clifford and Nancy Sommers of Waterloo. His maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Gaynelle Voreis of Vermillion, Ohio.

Services were held Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in New Lenox, Illinois. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio, on Wednesday with full military honors. Members of the U.S. Coast Guard served as pallbearers.

Condolences may be placed on a guest book on the Web site Legacy.com.

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Norma Ballard

SPENCER — Norma Jean Ballard, 74, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at McCormicks Creeks in Spencer.

Ms. Ballard

A former Wolcottville resident, she was born in Sturgis, Mich. on May 17, 1932, to LeRoy and Pearl (Burkhead) Ballard.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed watching World Wrestling Entertainment on television and listening to music. She enjoyed her outdoor swing and playing cards, checkers and dancing. She was a member of the Mount Calvary Methodist Church in Tulip.

Surviving are a brother, LeRoy Basil Ballard of Wolcottville; two nieces, Shelia and Bobby Keene of Wolcottville and Sharon New of Garrett; six great nieces; Jackie and Jason Ridgway of Owensburg, Susan and Todd Patrick of Ligonier, Shelia Carol Patrick, Bobbi Jean and Anna Keene, all of Wolcottville, and Sandy Jo Walter of Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Goldie and Amanda May, and three brothers, Cliff, Fred and Jim Ballard.

Calling will be Monday from 10-11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville

Services will be Monday a 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Sonny Stanley officiating. Burial will take place at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home.

Juanita Duzan

LAGRANGE — Juanita J. Duzan, 71, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at 6 a.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Duzan was a 25 year retired employee from Dometic Corporation, where she worked as a press operator. She was also a nurses aide at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She was born Sept. 16, 1935, in Sturgis, Mich. to Harvey and Myrtle (Staples) Bupp.

She was married to Virgil Duzan on April 23, 1955, in Howe.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra Duzan of LaGrange and Connie and Darrell Halsey of Angola; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Tamra Duzan of LaGrange, Steven and Kathryn Duzan of Wolcottville, and Jeff Duzan of LaGrange; five sisters, Virginia Lough, Naomi Shotzman, and Arlene Livingston, all of Sturgis, Mich., Gladys Nelson of LaGrange, and Lois Wurtsburgh of Centreville, Mich.; one brother, Harvey Bupp of Sturgis, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, Kenneth and Claude Bupp, and one sister, Esther Groves.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

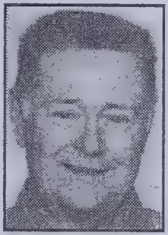
Memorials are to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Robert Carpenter

BRISTOL — Robert E. Carpenter, 60, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend.

A U.S. Army Veteran, Carpenter was a retired landlord for several rental units in Elkhart and Mishawaka.


Mr. Carpenter

He was born Jan. 9, 1946, in Mesick, Mich. to Amos and Ethel (Barber) Carpenter.

He married Shirley Carpenter on June 9, 1990, in Mishiwaka. She survives.

Also surviving are his parents, a step daughter and step-son-in-law, Robynne and Jon Ochampaugh of Brandenburg, Ky.; one sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Bob Jones of Mesick, Mich; and a brother, Steven Carpenter of Mesick, Mich.

Services will be Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the Farmstead Inn & Conference Center Room A, B and C in Shipshewana with Jeff Clark officiating. Fellowhship will follow.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Beverly Starrett

ORLAND — Beverly Starrett, 81, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A resident of Orland for several years, she enjoyed painting, collecting porcelain dolls, reading and playing cards.

Mrs. Starrett

She was born Sept. 16, 1925, in Branch County, Mich. to Harlan and Verald (Wilkins) Lawrence.

She married Charles R. Starrett on March 14, 1953, at First Methodist Church at Bronson, Mich. He preceded her in death.

She graduated from Bronson High School in Bronson, Mich., in 1943, and of Mercy College of Nursing in Detroit in 1946. She worked at Leila Y. Montgomery Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich., Branch County Community Health Center in Coldwater, Mich, Naples Community Hospital and North Naples Hospital in Naples, Fla. She retired in 1992.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bronson and she attended Pleasant Hill Missionary Church also in Bronson.

Mrs. Starrett was a member and past president of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423 Auxiliary, and the American Legion Association of U.S.S Landing Craft Support.

She was honored at the Branch County Community Hospital for starting CPR classes for the public.

Surviving are a son, David Starrett of Orland; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Jack Doerr, Jr. of St. Clair Shores, Mich. and Betty and Keith Lewis of Orland; one step-sister and spouse, Patty and Frank Feely of Holt, Mich.; one step-brother and spouse, Lincoln and Mona Neihardt of Portage; two sisters-in-law, Ada Weinburger of Fremont and Marion Neadstine from Orland; one brother in law, Elmer Starrett of Paragould, Ark.; nieces; and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two step-brothers, Stanley and John Lee Neihardt, one nephew, Harlan Lewis, and one sister-in-law, Evelyn Winebrenner.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Missionary Church in Bronson.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Missionary Church with Rev. Don Matteson and Pastor Cory Weatherton officiating. Burial will take place at Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Memorials are to the American Legion Post No. 423 Honor Guards or Pleasant Hill Missionary Church.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 18, 2006, Monday

Nevil Sizemore

ANTWERP, Ohio — Nevil E. Sizemore, 56, of Antwerp, Ohio, died at 5:40 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was the water and wastewater supervisor for the Village of Antwerp since 1992.

On May 31, 1950, in Sunshine, Ky., he was born to Ethelbert and Lorine (Sulfridge) Sizemore. His mother survives in Wolcottville. On Sept. 6, 1969, he married Jeanie Schooley. She preceded him in death on July 10, 2005.

Surviving in addition to his mother are a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Chad Thompson of Hicksville, Ohio; four sisters, Alva Jean Jordan and Pauline Sizemore, both of Kendallville, Myra Gray of Wolcottville, and Cheryl Barrett of Leo; two brothers, Rodney Sizemore of Fort Worth, Texas, and Robert Sizemore of Wolcottville; and two grandchildren, Michael and Alissa Thompson.

In addition to his father, a grandson, Christopher Thompson, a brother Joseph Sizemore, and a brother-in-law, Charles Jordan, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, Ohio, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials to defray medical expenses should be addressed to Dooley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 452, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Joanna Varner

PLEASANT LAKE — Joanna G. Varner, 70, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006.

Mrs. Varner

Mrs. Varner was born Aug. 2, 1936, in Orland to Rex L. and Rose Marie (Merriman) Whitcomb. She graduated from Orland High School.

She married William A. Varner on Dec. 26, 1953, in the Congregational Church in Orland. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1996.

She retired from Dana-Weatherhead in Angola in 1993. She was a member of the Pioneer Club at Weatherhead, and also Local 1406 of the United Auto Workers. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, baking, making candy, watching movies, listening to music and enjoying her pets.

Surviving are three daughters, Melanie and Valerie, both of Pleasant Lake and Vonda of Lake George; three brothers, Rex E. Whitcomb of Angola, Cecil E. Whitcomb of New Jersey and Stephen A. Whitcomb of LaGrange; and a sister, Rosalyn Manahan of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by a sons, William, in 1962 and a sister, Georgellen Whitcomb.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and for two hours prior to services on Thursday.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences can be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 18, 2006, Monday

Odes Cox

WAYLAND, Ky. — Odes Cox, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at his residence in Wayland, Ky.

Mr. Cox

Mr. Cox lived for many years in Kendallville before moving back to Wayland after his wife's death.

He retired from Lane Foundry, and worked as a coal miner in Kentucky in his earlier days.

He enjoyed traveling between Kendallville and Kentucky to see his family, and watching black and white cowboy movies, especially John Wayne and Gene Autry.

Born in Rock Fork in Floyd County, Ky., on May 8, 1928, he was the son of Wilfred Cox and Margaret (Gibson) Cox-Gibson. He married Dolly Sparkman on March 11, 1949, in Hindman, Ky. She preceded him in death in 1993.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Leslie and Brenda Cox of Wayland, Ky., Michael and Lisa Cox of Auburn, and Lionel and Anita Cox of Corunna; four daughters and four sons-in-law, Lila and Greg Logan of Auburn, Rae Shella and Steve Pierce of Kendallville, and Linda and Darrell Hicks of Corunna; a sister, Tina Conley of Kendallville; 29 grandchildren; and 54 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, a grandson, Jeremiah Hicks, a great-granddaughter, Lilia Smith, brothers Curt Sells, Willie Cox and Dennis and Denver Gibson, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 S. Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the church with a service at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 19, 2006, Tuesday

Lois Davis

Ms. Davis

ANGOLA — Lois M. Davis, 44, a lifetime Angola resident, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, at University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Ms. Davis was born Sept. 15, 1962, in Angola to Henry and Joan (Teegardin) Krohn. She had worked at Scott's Food Store in Angola for 12 years.

She loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing and enjoyed photography.

Surviving are her fiancé, Darrell Miller of Angola; her father in Hamilton; a son, Matthew Davis of Angola; a daughter, Holly Davis of Angola; a brother, Kevin Krohn of Hamilton; and a sister, Mary Jo Light of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Teegardin Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Donor's Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Jeremy Howard

LIGONIER — Jeremy Howard, 22, of Ligonier died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at his residence.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Hannah Kilgore

WOLCOTTVILLE — Hannah E. Kilgore, 70, of Wolcottville died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at 4:35 p.m. in Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

Joanna Varner

Mrs. Varner

PLEASANT LAKE — Joanna G. Varner, 70, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006.

Mrs. Varner was born Aug. 2, 1936, in Orland to Rex L. and Rose Marie (Merriman) Whitcomb. She graduated from Orland High School.

She married William A. Varner on Dec. 26, 1953, in the Congregational Church in Orland. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1996.

She retired from Dana-Weatherhead in Angola in 1994. She was a member of the Pioneer Club at Weatherhead, and also Local 1406 of the United Auto Workers. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, baking, making candy, watching movies, listening to music and enjoying her pets.

Surviving are three daughters, Melanie and Valerie, both of Pleasant Lake and Vonda of Lake George; three brothers, Rex E. Whitcomb of Angola, Cecil E. Whitcomb of New Jersey and Stephen A. Whitcomb of LaGrange; and a sister, Rosalyn Manahan of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by a son, William, in 1962 and a sister, Georgellen Whitcomb.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and for two hours prior to services on Thursday.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences can be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 19, 2006, Tuesday

Charles Chapman

BEAR LAKE — Charles E. Chapman, 63, of Bear Lake died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, at 8:55 a.m. at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, where he had been admitted Wednesday, Dec. 6. He had been in failing health for the past year-and-a-half.

Mr. Chapman

Mr. Chapman worked as an auto body technician. He was employed at Ed's Body Shop in Albion for more than eight years and at Trier's Body Shop from 1982 until his retirement in May 2005.

He was a member of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Jan. 16, 1942, in Gas City to Charles E. Chapman Jr. and Thelma Mae (Armstrong) Chapman. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Columbia City.

As a young boy, his family moved to Ormas. In the mid-1950s, his family moved to Bear Lake. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

He married Linda S. Addington on Nov. 1, 1963, and she survives.

The couple made their first home in Ormas, moving to Columbia City in 1965 and to Bear Lake in 1966. They moved to their present home in 1968.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Brad Blickenstaff of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Troy and Kelly Chapman of Kendallville and Chad Chapman and Angie McKissack of North Manchester; eight grandchildren, Kami and Heather Blickenstaff, Heather, Tori and Amanda Chapman and Brittani, Brigette and Brooke McKissack; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Phyllis Chapman of Wolf Lake and Richard and Sharon Chapman of Payne, Ohio.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Smith & Son Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the Rev. Paul White of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home.

Condolences may be left at

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 20, 2006, Wednesday

Jeremy Howard

LIGONIER — Jeremy Joel Howard, 22, of Ligonier died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Howard

He moved to Ligonier at a very young age. He enjoyed playing video games, animals, riding four-wheelers, playing on his computer and family fishing.

On Aug. 13, 1984, in Prestonburg, Ky., he was born to William and Mable Hicks Jr. They survive in Ligonier.

Surviving are his biological mother and her spouse, Carla and Jeff Shepherd of Hillsdale, Mich.; his biological father, Steven Howard of Garrett; a sister, Kimberly Clawson of Hillsdale, Mich.; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Mark and Joyce Hicks of Ligonier, and Chad Howard and Travis Shepherd, both of Hillsdale.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Lighthouse Tabernacle, Kimmell, with the Rev. Glenn Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Josh and Purda Hicks, Jeff and Travis Shepherd, Kimberly Clawson and Christopher Swank.

Calling will be after noon today with a service at 7 p.m. at the Lighthouse Tabernacle.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Kirt

KENDALLVILLE — Robert J. Kirt, 75, of Kendallville died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at 7:45 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, with his family by his bedside.

He had been in declining health for the past year.

No services or visitation are planned.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Eileen Dini

AVILLA — Eileen L. Dini, 70, of Avilla died today, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at 2:10 a.m. at her residence following a lengthy illness.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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December 20, 2006, Wednesday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Odes Cox

WAYLAND, Ky. — Odes Cox, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at his residence in Wayland, Ky.

Mr. Cox

Mr. Cox lived for many years in Kendallville before moving back to Wayland after his wife's death.

He retired from Lane Foundry, and worked as a coal miner in Kentucky in his earlier days.

He enjoyed traveling between Kendallville and Kentucky to see his family, and watching black and white cowboy movies, especially John Wayne and Gene Autry.

Born in Rock Fork in Floyd County, Ky., on May 8, 1928, he was the son of Wilfred Cox and Margaret (Gibson) Cox-Gibson. He married Dolly Sparkman on March 11, 1949, in Hindman, Ky. She preceded him in death in 1993.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Leslie and Brenda Cox of Wayland, Ky., Michael and Lisa Cox of Auburn, and Lionel and Anita Cox of Corunna; four daughters and four sons-in-law, Lila and Greg Logan of Auburn, Rae Shella and Steve Pierce of Kendallville, Linda and Darrell Hicks of Corunna, and Rose and Alan Walters of Ligonier; a sister, Tina Conley of Kendallville; 29 grandchildren; and 54 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, a grandson, Jeremiah Hicks, three great-granddaughters, Lilia Smith, and Hannah and Hailey Swander, brothers Curt Sells, Willie Cox and Dennis and Denver Gibson, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 S. Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at the church with a service at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Hannah Kilgore

WOLCOTTVILLE — Hannah E. Kilgore, 70, of Wolcottville died at 4:35 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She had been ill for 17 years and in the hospital for two weeks.

Mrs. Kilgore

On Oct. 17, 1936, in Albion, she was born to Banner P. and Cecil Pauline (Pooler) Haney. On Nov. 17, 1957, in Kendallville, she married David L. Kilgore. He survives.

She was a former teacher's aide for special needs children in Lakeland School Corp. for several years. She retired in 2005 as Johnson Township trustee after 19 years.

She had lived in Wolcottville since 1958.

Mrs. Kilgore attended Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, was a member of the Indiana Trustees Organization and was a founding member of the Athena Club. She was a past 4-H Horse and Pony leader for 25 years in LaGrange County, and a past 4-H Horse and Pony superintendent in LaGrange County.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie Hettenbach of Louisville, Ky., and Jane and Marc Adams of Chicago; a son, Douglas Kilgore of Miller Beach, Ind.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bertha Kelley of Albion, and Peggy and Keith McGinnis of Round Head, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen and Virginia Haney and Bob and Judy Haney, all of Kendallville, and Roy and Gloria Haney of Kendallville; and five grandchildren, Jessica and Jenna Hettenbach, and Caroline, Grant and Noah Adams.

A daughter-in-law, Cari Jahns Kilgore, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Wolcottville, with the Revs. Brad Garrett and Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Casketbearers will be Doug Kilgore, Marc and Jane Adams, and Julie, Jessica and Jenna Hettenbach.

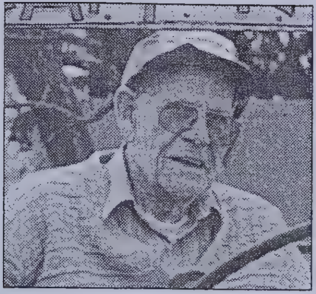
Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at youngfamilyfb@sbcglobal.net.

Young Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 20, 2006, Wednesday



Harold H. "Pete" Harlan, 91

ALBION – Harold H. "Pete" Harlan, 91, a resident of rural Albion in Green Township, died at 12:01 p.m. Thusday, Dec. 14, 2006, at the residence of his daughter near Green Center. He had been in failing health for some time and had suffered a stroke two weeks ago.

Mr. Harlan was born on April 17, 1915, in Green Township, a son of Fordis and Lillie (Kichler) Harlan and spent his entire lifetime in that community. He was educated at the former Green Center School in Noble County. Engaged in farming in Green Township all of his life, he retired in 1964 and enjoyed wintering in Bradenton, Fla. for nearly 30 years.

On Feb. 24, 1940, he married Kathryn Green. She preceded him in death on March 27, 1973.

On Jan. 21, 1976 he was married to Viva (Owen) Harlan. She died July 5, 2006.

A member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, he attended the Green Center United Methodist Church. In his leisure time he enjoyed fishing and riding his 3-wheel bicycle in Florida.

The surviving relatives include his three daughters, Joyce (Melford "Mick") Leatherman and Marily (George) Pippenger, both of Albion, and Kathy "Susie" (Tom) Hicks of Bradenton, Fla., a step-daughter, Sandra (Philip) Dunn of Albion, a step-son, Sam (Susie) Harlan of Albion and a sister, Ruth Lemmon of Middlebury. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and two wives, he was preceded in death by a sister, Ethel Pfafman, two brothers, John Harlan and George Harlan, a half-sister, Hazel Heltzel and a half-brother, Leslie Growcock.

The funeral sevice was held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Green Center United Methodist Church, Merriam Christian Chapel, Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis or to donor's choice.

Charles E. Chapman, 63

COLUMBIA CITY – Charles E. Chapman, 63, a resident of Bear Lake, died at 8:55 a.m., Sunday, December 17, 2006 at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne where he was admitted on Wednesday, December 6th. He had been in failing health for the past year and a half.

He was born January 16, 1942 in Gas City, Grant County, Indiana a son of Charles E. and Thelma Mae (Armstrong) Chapman Jr. As a young boy his family moved to Ormas. In the mid 1950s his family moved to Bear Lake. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On November 1, 1963 he was united in marriage to Linda S. Addington. They made their first home in Ormas, moving to Columbia City in 1965 and to Bear Lake in 1966. They moved to their present home in 1968.

An auto body technician, he was employed at Eds Body Shop in Albion for over eight years and Triers Body Shop from 1982 until his retirement in May 2005.

He was a very proud member of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Linda; a daughter, Rhonda (Brad) Blickenstaff of Auburn; two sons, Troy (Kelly) Chapman of Kendallville and Chad (Angie McKissack) Chapman of North Manchester; eight grandchildren, Kami & Heather Blickenstaff, Heather, Tori & Amanda Chapman, Brittani, Brigette & Brooke McKissack; his mother, Thelma Chapman of Columbia City; and two brothers, Donald (Phyllis) Chapman of Wolf Lake and Richard (Sharon) Chapman of Payne, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, December 21, 2006 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Paul White, pastor of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating. The burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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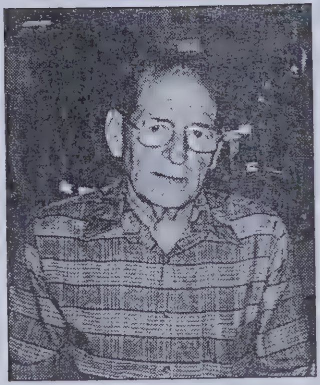

Dean N. Earnhart, 75

ALBION – Dean N. Earnhart, 75, a resident of rural Albion in Green Township, died at 12:10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was hospitalized earlier in the day and had suffered complications after submitting to heart surgery.

Mr. Earnhart was born Oct. 10, 1931, in Kosciusko County near Pierceton. A son of Arby Nelson and Mary (Doke) Earnhart, he moved to Green Township as a young boy. As a young man, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

On Aug. 25, 1956, he married Peggy Halferty.

He was employed as a welder and maintenance worker for American Hoist in Fort Wayne for 20 years, until the plant closed. He was later employed part-time at Gross Drainage and Pankop Excavating in Churubusco.

A natural "fix-it" man, he also enjoyed farming and motorcycle riding.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Peggy, two sons, Kevin M. Earnhart and Kyle E. Earnhart, both of Albion, two sisters, Martha Smith of Avilla and Annamae Earnhart of Churubusco, two brothers, James (Mary Jane) Earnhart and Frederic Earnhart, both of Albion, as well as a sister-in-law, Bonnie Earnhart of Avilla and a brother-in-law, Ken (Audrey) Halferty of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a twin brother, Gene E. Earnhart, who died Nov. 24, 2006.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with his nephew, the Rev. Michael Halferty, officiating. Interment was at the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Charles Caskey, 92

LIGONIER – Charles H. Caskey, 92, of Ligonier died at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

He was a life-long resident of the Ligonier area.

Mr. Caskey was a farmer, professional butcher and a state highway employee.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, gardening and horseback riding. He also enjoyed writing, cooking, bird watching, jewelry making and reading Westerns.

He was born Feb. 27, 1914, in Sparta Township to Charles William and Sarah Elizabeth (Flynn) Caskey.

He married Kathryn Alice Long on Sept. 14, 1933, in Albion. She preceded him in death in September 2000.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Ronald Caskey, one granddaughter and one son-in-law, Larry Riley.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony "Butch" and Barbara Caskey and Richard "Dick" and Joyce Caskey, all of Ligonier; three daughters and son-in-law, Carolyn and Melvere Sheley of Bremen, Norma Riley of Goshen and Phillis and Jack Hart of Millersburg; 19 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and 17 nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, December 18, 2006, at J. A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Ray Barkey officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

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Edna Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Edna R. Miller, 94, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Miller

She was a homemaker and a waitress at the Middlebury Plaza on the Indiana Toll Road.

Mrs. Miller moved to LaGrange County in 1938 from Fort Wayne.

She attended Lakeview United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Van Buren Township Homemakers Club.

On July 27, 1912, in Allen County, she was born to Edward F. and Louise M. (Lamblin) Voirol. She married Emerald A. Miller on Oct. 5, 1932, in Allen County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Eloise and Orlando Caravette of Palos Heights, Ill.; two sons, Emerald Joe and Elvira Miller of Shipshewana, and Elmer "Bill" and Adele Miller of Parump, Nev.; a sister, Betty Fiedler of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Voirol of Albion; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a daughter, Eldora Ann Hayford, preceded her in death in 1985 along with four sisters, four brothers and her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Pastor Emerald Joe Miller officiating. Burial will be in Sidener Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakeview United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Eileen Dini

AVILLA — Eileen Lenore Dini, 70, of Avilla died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at her residence. She had been ill for three years.

She moved to Avilla in March 2006 from LaGrange, and also lived in Fort Wayne and Leo. She moved to Indiana from Minnesota 35 years ago.

Mrs. Dini was a secretary for several years for Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne before retiring in 1996.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, and Delta Theta Tau Sorority. She enjoyed crafts, fishing, sewing and bowling.

In St. Paul, Minn., on Aug. 22, 1936, she was born to Clement and Helen (Hawley) Freeman. She married Thomas Dini on July 1, 1961, in Minnesota. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Nancy Dini of Avilla, and Tim and Amy Dini of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sheila and Jeff Handlin of Huntertown, and Cindi Dini of Grabill; two brothers, Dick Freeman of Wyoming, Minn., and Pat Tunnel of North St. Paul, Minn.; 11 grandchildren, Maddie Frick, Kyle and Alex Handlin, Megan and Lauren Dini, Taylor, Emily and Zach Dini, Jared, Jeremiah and Justin Schiffl.

A sister, Cathy Morris, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Edward Erpelding officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

A Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour prior to the services on Saturday.

Memorials are to Cancer Service of Allen County.

Vern Sorg

KENDALLVILLE — Vern Sorg, 63, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville.

He was a janitor for Kendallville City Hall for many years.

Mr. Sorg enjoyed collecting coins and stamps, and following the Sweet 16 bracket for the college basketball tournament.

In Noble County on May 7, 1943, he was born to Bernard J. and Mildred Ann (Felt) Sorg. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a brother, Eugene Sorg of Kendallville, and a sister, Norma Kirk of LaOtto.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Father Edward Erpelding officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

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John Young

FORT WAYNE — John S. Young, 52, of Fort Wayne, formerly of rural Albion, died at 11:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He had been admitted earlier in the day.

He spent his formative years in Green Township in Noble County, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1972. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in 1976.

Mr. Young worked in management for J.C. Penney in several cities. He then worked for Lincoln Life Insurance Co., and later worked for Waterfield Mortgage Co. in Fort Wayne until the firm closed in 2005.

He enjoyed gardening and landscaping.

In Wolf Lake on July 15, 1954, he was born to Lloyd T. and Ruth Anna (Brown) Young. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Carol Young of Albion, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Craig Alan Myers, pastor of Blue River Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne or to the donor's choice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information.*

Jeremy Howard

LIGONIER — Jeremy Joel Howard, 22, of Ligonier died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at his residence.

He moved to Ligonier at a very young age. He enjoyed playing video games, animals, riding four-wheelers, playing on his computer and family fishing.

Mr. Howard

He was born Aug. 13, 1984, in Prestonburg, Ky.

Surviving are his parents, William and Mable Hicks Jr. of Ligonier; his biological mother and her spouse, Carla and Jeff Shepherd of Hillsdale, Mich.; his biological father, Steven Howard of Garrett; a sister, Kimberly Clawson of Hillsdale, Mich.; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Mark and Joyce Hicks of Ligonier, and Chad Howard and Travis Shepherd, both of Hillsdale.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Lighthouse Tabernacle, Kimmell, with the Rev. Glenn Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Josh and Purda Hicks, Jeff and Travis Shepherd, Kimberly Clawson and Christopher Swank.

Calling will be after noon today with a service at 7 p.m. at the Lighthouse Tabernacle.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

Patty Smith

ANGOLA — Patty Jean Smith, 58, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Miss Smith was born Jan. 20, 1948, in Angola to Willard and Bernice (Heckman) Smith. She was one of the original clients at the Community Sheltered Workshop, now RISE Inc., Angola.

Surviving are three sisters, Louella Root of Fremont, Laura Short of Angola and Ruth Tatro of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Leland, Bernie C. and Willard Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information.*

Hannah Kilgore

WOLCOTTVILLE — Hannah E. Kilgore, 70, of Wolcottville died at 4:35 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She had been ill for 17 years and in the hospital for two weeks.

Mrs. Kilgore

On Oct. 17, 1936, in Albion, she was born to Banner P. and Cecil Pauline (Pooler) Haney. On Nov. 17, 1957, in Kendallville, she married David L. Kilgore. He survives.

She was a former teacher's aide for special needs children in Lakeland School Corp. for several years. She retired in 2005 as Johnson Township trustee after 19 years.

She had lived in Wolcottville since 1958.

Mrs. Kilgore attended Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, was a member of the Indiana Trustees Organization and was a founding member of the Athena Club. She was a past 4-H Horse and Pony leader for 25 years in LaGrange County, and a past 4-H Horse and Pony superintendent in LaGrange County.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie Hettenbach of Louisville, Ky., and Jane and Marc Adams of Chicago; a son, Douglas Kilgore of Miller Beach, Ind.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bertha Kelley of Albion, and Peggy and Keith McGinnis of Round Head, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen and Virginia Haney and Bob and Judy Haney, all of Kendallville, and Roy and Gloria Haney of Muncie; and five grandchildren, Jessica and Jenna Hettenbach, and Caroline, Grant and Noah Adams.

A daughter-in-law, Cari Jahns Kilgore, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Wolcottville, with the Revs. Brad Garrett and Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Casketbearers will be Doug Kilgore, Marc and Jane Adams, and Julie, Jessica and Jenna Hettenbach.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at youngfamilyfb@sbcglobal.net.

Young Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Starbuck

LAGRANGE — Robert L. Starbuck, 78, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at 8:44 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On May 17, 1928, he was born in Bloomington to Rufus and Nellie (Hudland) Starbuck. He married Sylvia Wisniewski. She preceded him in death in 1984.

He was a retired multigraphics printer, and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He received the Victory Medal.

Surviving are four sons, Robert Starbuck Jr., Tim Starbuck, Darrin Starbuck and Ken Starbuck; two daughters, Connie Kuhnke and Dawn Perez; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His parents, in addition to his wife, preceded him in death.

Service information is not available yet from the family.

Internment is in the Marion National Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Allen County Heart Association.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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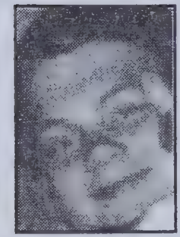
Jeremy Howard

LIGONIER — Jeremy Joel Howard, 22, of Ligonier died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at his residence.

He moved to Ligonier at a very young age. He enjoyed playing video games, animals, riding four-wheelers, playing on his computer and family fishing.


Mr. Howard

On Aug. 13, 1984, in Prestonburg, Ky., he was born to William and Mable Hicks Jr. They survive in Ligonier.

Surviving are his mother and her spouse, Carla and Jeff Shepherd of Hillsdale, Mich.; his father, Steven Howard of Garrett; a sister, Kimberly Clawson of Hillsdale, Mich.; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Mark and Joyce Hicks of Ligonier, and Chad Howard and Travis Shepherd, both of Hillsdale.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at the Lighthouse Tabernacle, Kimmell, with the Rev. Glenn Patrick officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Josh and Purda Hicks, Jeff and Travis Shepherd, Kimberly Clawson and Christopher Swank.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Caskey

LIGONIER — Charles H. Caskey, 92, of Ligonier died at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

He was a life-long resident of the Ligonier area.

Mr. Caskey was a farmer, professional butcher and a state highway employee.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, gardening and horseback riding. He also enjoyed writing, cooking, bird watching, jewelry making and reading Westerns.

He was born Feb. 27, 1914, in Sparta Township to Charles William and Sarah Elizabeth (Flynn) Caskey.

He married Kathryn Alice Long on Sept. 14, 1933, in Albion. She preceded him in death in September 2000.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Ronald Caskey, one granddaughter and one son-in-law, Larry Riley.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony "Butch" and Barbara Caskey and Richard "Dick" and Joyce Caskey, all of Ligonier; three daughters and son-in-law, Carolyn and Melvere Sheley of Bremen, Norma Riley of Goshen and Phillis and Jack Hart of Millersburg; 19 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and 17 nieces and nephews.

Services were Monday at J. A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Ray Barkey officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

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Earl Baughman

ANGOLA — Earl E. Baughman, 78, of Angola died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

His wife, Juanita Baughman, survives in Angola.

Services will be Saturday at 4 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

Rebecca Nichols

FORT WAYNE — Rebecca (Pontzius) Nichols, 43, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at her home.

A homemaker, she was born April 27, 1963, in Kendallville to Joyce Whitaker, who survives in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Nichols

Also surviving are four daughters, Debra Jean, Dawn Marie, and Darla Kay of Fort Wayne and Tyia Shrie of Auburn; a son, Bryan Allen of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, Douglas Brown of Bunker Hill, Kenneth Brown of Florida and Charles Brown of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Pontzius.

Services will be Saturday at 5 p.m. at 5602 Kelso Lane, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at 5602 Kelso Lane, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling funeral arrangements.

Donald Reed

LIGONIER — Donald R. Reed, 79, of Ligonier died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home.

Goldie Ley

WOLCOTTVILLE — Goldie Joan Caldwell Ley, 62, died at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at her Wolcottville home.

Arrangements are pending at Young Funeral Home Kendallville Chapel.

Philip Moore

WOLCOTTVILLE — Philip L. "Pizza Man" Moore, 70, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at 6:08 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Moore

Mr. Moore was the owner of Wolcottville Pizza for 13 years and a custodian at Parkside Elementary School. He worked for the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department and at Wal-Mart in Sturgis, Mich. He came to LaGrange County in 1971.

He was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and was a U.S. Army veteran. He volunteered at the Maplewood Nature Center in LaGrange County.

He was born April 25, 1936, in Muncie to Earl Theodore and Ella Elba (Pyles) Moore, who preceded him in death. On Nov. 29, 1968, in Dunlap he married Nancy A. Kauffman, who preceded him in death March 3, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lisa Rich and Tracey and David McBride, all of LaGrange; two grandchildren; and two brothers, Ted Moore of Wolcottville and Earl Moore of Muncie.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Marsha Ann Beverage, and a brother, James Moore.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Church of God in LaGrange with the Revs. Mark Denney and Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be submitted to www.fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

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Dorothy Sievert

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy Isabelle Sievert, 89, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Wolcottville died at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at Golden Years Homestead.

Mrs. Sievert was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was born Jan. 12, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Edward and Grace (Hatfield) Faylor. Her husband, Donald F. Sievert, preceded her in death in 1992.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry R. and Carol Sever of Wolcottville and Donald E. and Fran Sever of Baltimore, Md.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Edward Faylor of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Harry Faylor.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home with Chaplain Doug Holley officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and two hours before services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen, Fort Wayne.

James King

DICKENSON, Texas — James Edward King, 59, of Dickenson, Texas died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, in Dickenson.

Mr. King was born Sept. 22, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Thomas Joseph and Mary Evelyn (Cronk) King. He married Terry D. Nicholson on Aug. 5, 2002, and she survives.

He was a farmer on his own farm.

Also surviving are a son, John Edward King of Dickenson; and a brother, John King of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Thomas M. King.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Bachman officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

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December 23, 2006, Saturday

Estel Baughman

ANGOLA — Estel E. Baughman, 78, of West Otter Lake, Angola, died Thursday, Dec, 21, 2006, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Baughman

Mr. Baughman worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 30 years before retiring in 1978. He was a member of UAW Local 164 and a union steward at Dana Corp. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He also was a member of the Avilla Raceway Association.

He was born May 8, 1928, in Spencerville to Ralph and Janie (Bice) Baughman. They preceded him in death.

He married Juanita Likes in Newville on July 2, 1950. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Judy and Steve Sheets of LaOtto, Renee Baughman of Fort Wayne, and Brenda Sanders of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Kathy Baughman of Waterloo; 12 grandchildren and their spouses, Tammy Rubin and her husband, Danny, Stephany Sheets-Williams and her husband, Mike, Angie Reinhart, Tom Sheets, Ed Howard, Tyson Baughman, Ryan Baughman, Ray Sanders, Mandy Strowmatt and her husband, Garry, Beth Sanders, Tyler Baughman and Trevor Baughman; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Elsie and Burt Dickman of Auburn and Rozella Cook of Newville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Floyd and Annabelle Baughman of Hudson and Ralph and Ellen Baughman of Hamilton; and a sister-in-law, Garnet Baughman.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and LeRoy Baughman, and a sister, Bessie Delaughter.

Services will be today at 4 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Raymond C. Warner officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Goldie Ley

WOLCOTTVILLE — Goldie Joan Caldwell Ley, 62, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at 6:15 p.m. at her residence.

Mrs. Ley

She was born in LaGrange on Jan. 31, 1944, to Stewart and Rosa (Draper) Caldwell, who are both deceased.

She attended Wolcottville High School and was a lifetime area resident. She worked at Plastech in Kendallville for five years.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Dottie and Mark Pearson of Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Kalen, Kortney and Kyle Pearson, all of Wolcottville; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Helen and James Thomas, Charry and Ron Levitz and Carol Will, all of Wolcottville, Jeanie and Jerry Crawford of Sturgis, Mich., Rosa and Gary Walchle of Howe and Janie Arbogast and her fiance, Jeff Freed, of Albion; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dick and Sherry Caldwell of Fort Wayne, Paul and Rose Caldwell of Rome City and Stewart and Linda Caldwell of Wolcottville.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Kathy Gose, in 2000, and a brother, David Caldwell in 2003.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Brad Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Pallbearers will be Paul Caldwell, Squirtie Caldwell, Dick Caldwell, James Thomas, Jerry Crawford and Ron Levitz.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Goldie Ley

WOLCOTTVILLE — Goldie Joan Caldwell Ley, 62, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at 6:15 p.m. at her residence.

She was born in LaGrange on Jan. 31, 1944, to Stewart and Rosa (Draper) Caldwell, who are both deceased.

Mrs. Ley

She attended Wolcottville High School and was a lifetime area resident. She worked at Plastech in Kendallville for five years.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Dottie and Mark Pearson of Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Kalen, Kortney and Kyle Pearson, all of Wolcottville; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Helen and James Thomas, Charry and Ron Levitz and Carol Will, all of Wolcottville, Jeanie and Jerry Crawford of Sturgis, Mich., Rosa and Gary Walchle of Howe and Janie Arbogast and her fiance, Jeff Freed, of Albion; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dick and Sherry Caldwell of Fort Wayne, Paul and Rose Caldwell of Rome City and Stewart and Linda Caldwell of Wolcottville.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Kathy Gose, in 2000, and a brother, David Caldwell in 2003.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville chapel.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Brad Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Pallbearers will be Paul Caldwell, Squirtie Caldwell, Dick Caldwell, James Thomas, Jerry Crawford and Ron Levitz.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Marjorie Fate

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie A. Fate, 76, of Fort Wayne died at 7:50 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 3, 1930, to Raymond and Martha (Titus) Niebel in Fort Wayne.

On July 3, 1959, she married Robert E. Fate in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deborah K. Berg of Fort Wayne; a brother, Kenneth Niebel of Huntertown; two sisters, Jo Kinerk of Fort Wayne and Barbara Racino of Lampasas, Texas; three grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Ricky Schorr in 1962; a brother, Raymond Niebel; and a sister, Betty Lewis.

There will be no services. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice Home. Condolences may be sent to johnson@bin.net.

Donald Reed

LIGONIER — Donald R. Reed, 79, of Ligonier died at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at Avalon Village nursing home in Ligonier.

Mr. Reed

He was a self-employed appliance repairman for many years, retiring in 2001. He loved family activities, people, enjoyed his neighbor children, and he loved to travel.

He was a member of the Ligonier Church of Christ and the 101 Club. He was a Navy veteran, serving during the Korean War.

A lifetime resident of the Ligonier area, he was born July 19, 1927, to Clarence and Ruby (Rodman) Reed.

On Aug. 28, 1946, he married Naola L. Kimmel in Kendallville. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Sheri Reed of Columbus, Ind.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Mike Vosteen of Ligonier and Loretta Funk of Savannah, Ga.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Lois Rosenolgle of Ligonier; and two brothers and their wives, Wayne and Shirley Reed of Kimmell and Ross "Butch" and Liz Reed of Elizabethtown, Ky.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Ligonier Church of Christ with Pastor Bob Soulliere officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Church of Christ.

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Rebecca Pontzius

FORT WAYNE — Rebecca Sue Pontzius, 43, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at her residence.

Surviving are her mother, Joyce Whitaker of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Debra Jean, Darla Kay and Dawn Marie, all of Fort Wayne, and Tyia Shrie of Auburn; a son, Bryan Allen of Fort Wayne; a sister, Debra York of Auburn; and three brothers, Douglas Brown of Bunker Hill, Kenneth Brown of Florida and Charles Brown of Garrett.

Preceding her in death was her father, Richard Pontzius.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at 5602 Keslo Lane, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 12 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 5602 Keslo Lane, Fort Wayne.

The McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Rodney Blodgett

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Rodney Allen Blodgett, 65, of Constantine and formerly of Angola, Ind., died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, in Constantine.

Arrangements are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

Gloria Frye

LAGRANGE — Gloria J. "Aunt Gloria" (Mason) Frye, 64, of LaGrange died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at her home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the St. James Episcopal Church in Howe.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange.

Other arrangements are pending.

Zana Goodhew

May 27, 1908 - Dec. 24, 2004

Dear Mother, two long years ago today you went to your heavenly home. We keep your cherished memories close to our hearts. Thoughts of your loving, charming, witty and humorous ways brings much happiness. But we miss you terribly; we are blessed for you being our mother you will live forever within us.

With grieving hearts,
Your loving family

Thank you...

to the communities of LaGrange, Mongo, Orland, South Milford, Stroh, Angola, Coldwater, Sturgis and Prairie Heights & Westview High Schools for their overwhelming generosity, support, cards and gifts in our time of need when we lost our two children, Jennifer and Christopher.

Thank you also to the person who comforted and stayed with our son Kenneth until the paramedics arrived.

Thank you from the
Svencner Family

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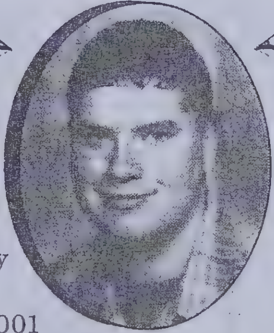
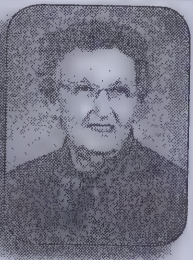


Matthew Terry
April 16, 1985 -
Decemeber 24, 2001

A heart of gold
stopped beating,
Two shining
eyes at rest,
God broke our hearts
to prove
He only takes the
best.
Love, Mom & Don



Helene Gramling

We will miss you
forever and always.
We love you.

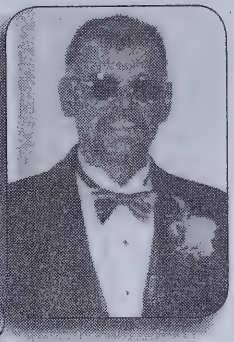
Love, your sons
John & Bob, grandkids
and great grandkids

In Loving Memory of our beloved daughter and Kyrie's mommy, Jennifer Hernandez. We will always remember how special you made our holiday memories.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Kyrie

In Loving Memory of Jenings (Sonny) Fugate

You are not forgotten, the
seasons are lost without you.
Even though the days pass
your memory will last and last.
Your beloved
Family



Larry K. Smith Sr.

There's a special kind of closeness only families know and whether near or far apart, that love will always grow.

Love, Helen, our children and grandchildren

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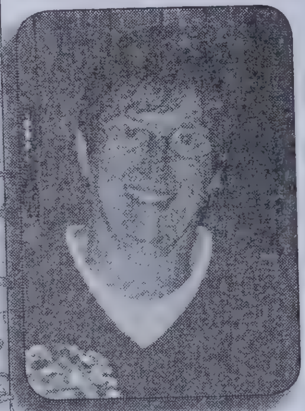

In loving
memory of
Carol Hill,
wife, mother,
grandmother.
We will always
remember how
special you made
our holiday
memories.

In Loving Memory

of Our Beloved Husband & Father

We will always remember how special
you made our holiday memories.
Love,
Your Wife & Children

In Loving Memory of
KIM STRAHM

I will always carry
your love in my heart.
Love, Ron

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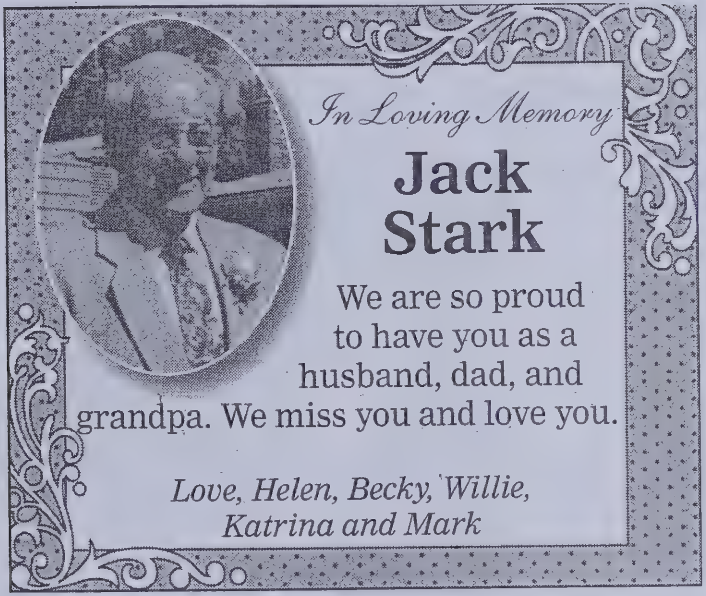
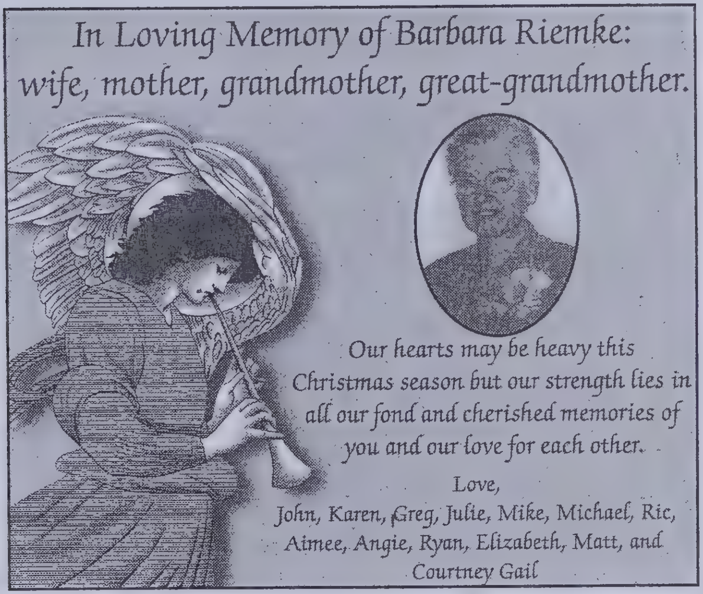


In Loving Memory

Jack Stark

We are so proud to have you as a husband, dad, and grandpa. We miss you and love you.

Love, Helen, Becky, Willie, Katrina and Mark



In Loving Memory of Barbara Riemke: wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother.

Our hearts may be heavy this Christmas season but our strength lies in all our fond and cherished memories of you and our love for each other.

Love,
John, Karen, Greg, Julie, Mike, Michael, Ric, Aimee, Angie, Ryan, Elizabeth, Matt, and Courtney Gail

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McKibben remembered for his volunteerism, passion for others

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Jim McKibben, left, was named United Fund of LaGrange County's 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award in March of 2006. He spent many hours volunteering for the United Fund, Clothes and Food Basket and at schools and church. Presenting the award to McKibben is Bob Pimlott of the Indiana Association of United Way.

LAGRANGE — A well-rounded person.

James V. McKibben, who lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at the age of 79, will be remembered for a number of wide-ranging reasons.

"James McKibben was a teacher, father, grandfather, volunteer, good citizen and leader. A well-rounded person. An example for us all. Whatever he did, he was caring. He knew all our names and everything about us. He was always smiling. When I think of Parkside (Elementary School in LaGrange), I think of Mr. McKibben," said Capt. Sean Yoder, a former student of Mr. McKibben's and a cancer survivor. Yoder last saw and spoke with Mr. McKibben at the American Cancer Society's LaGrange County Relay for Life in 2005.

Mr. McKibben was honored in October with the LaGrange County Corn School Citizen of the Year Award. He was nominated by another former student who wrote in her nomination, "He has touched many lives here in LaGrange County ..."

Mr. McKibben's wife, Virginia, said her husband enjoyed golf and fishing and was an avid traveler, "Especially with Elderhostel, traveling through Canada." (Elderhostel provides in-depth, behind the scenes learning experiences—adventures in life-long learning.)

After his retirement as a teacher and principal from Parkside after 28 years, McKibben continued his work in Lakeland School Corp. as a volunteer. For years he has attended Lakeland Middle School and high school functions, extracurricular activities, programs and athletic events to support the students.

He has served as a judge for science fairs, voluntarily accompanied elementary school field trips, and participated in the "Reading Buddy" program aiding children in learning the fundamentals of reading. He has also spent time at schools in costume as the cartoon character "Curious George."

Penny Campbell, another of his students, remembers him from Parkside for his "Mickey Mouse" socks. "He also quieted a group of noisy students on a Pokagon field trip late at night — appearing out of nowhere wearing a long nightgown pajama," she added.

Among one of the many titles afforded Mr. McKibben, his volunteering efforts were rewarded with the United Fund of LaGrange County's 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award in March. In making the presentation, Robin Tuttle, executive director, said, "Jim apologizes if he is not able to participate in every activity or event hosted

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by the United Fund and we have to remind him that this is volunteer work. If we could clone an ideal volunteer, it would be Jim!"

He also received the first and only, currently, United Fund of LaGrange County 2004 Outstanding Board Member honor. At the awards celebration in January of 2005, Mr. McKibben received a standing ovation. In making the presentation, Tuttle said, "With unlimited energy and a true passion for the United Fund of LaGrange County, Jim McKibben helps out any way possible. From working on several board committees to taking an active part in our fundraising events, Jim far exceeds our expectations."

Mr. McKibben served on the United Fund board since 1999 and currently served as its Youth Philanthropy chairman.

Tuttle said of Mr. McKibben, "Jim was truly our 'gem.' He had such a passion for life and compassion for others. His commitment to volunteer work was unparalleled. It was truly an honor to know him and work with him. He has left footprints in LaGrange County that will endure to lead others to follow in the path of giving unselfishly and humbly to help our families, friends, neighbors and community."

Mr. McKibben was also a volunteer at the Clothes and Food Basket of LaGrange County for a number of years. Carol Meeks, coordinator of the agency, remembers Mr. McKibben as "always so friendly with the clients and did his level best to help and delighted to work with everybody."

Mr. McKibben was diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma, which had metastasized. He had chemotherapy and radiation but the last treatments had not been successful in curtailing the cancer, said his wife. He spent the last five weeks in hospice care, surrounded with loving care from family, friends, neighbors and his church family.

Worship was a big part of his life and he was drawn to music and performed with the LaGrange First United Methodist Church choir. He was also a member of the LaGrange County Community Choir and performed with People to People Choir tours through Europe in 1973, 1983 and 1985.

LaGrange First United Methodist Church director of music Donna Knight, recounts the meaningful funeral service held Thursday, Dec. 7, for Mr. McKibben. "The choir had his robe and stole placed on "his" chair. After singing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" a recording of his all-time favorite choir anthem "Joy in the Morning" was played. This recording was from the last time the choir sang it for a morning worship service in which both Jim and his wife, Virginia, were singing. The week before Thanksgiving, while Jim was in Parkview LaGrange Hospital, the choir went to his bedside and sang this anthem to him. He sang his bass part right along with them (with no music), never missing a note!

"To close the service, the choir had been requested to sing "Fly Away Medley" because it ended with "When the Saints Go Marching In." His fellow choir members concluded quickly that Jim immediately went into those pearly gates and began dancing with St. Peter to "When the Saints Go Marching In." We love you and miss you, Jim," Knight said quietly, emphasizing the sentiments of his fellow choir members.

Memorials are to the Clothes and Food Basket of LaGrange County or the music department of United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

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Paul Morgan

ANGOLA — Paul E. Morgan, 82, of Angola died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at the home of his son, Danny, in Bluffton. Mr. Morgan had formerly resided in Fort Wayne, Columbia City, Salem and Campbellsburg.

He had retired after 32 years at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Morgan was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born March 17, 1924, in Pennville to Ernest and Lela (Tague) Morgan. He married Mary Alice Knapp on May 31, 1943. She died July 15, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Steven Holloway of Decatur and Jo Beth and Michael Abraham of Bad Axe, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Danny and Debborah Morgan of Bluffton and Gary and Karla Morgan of Decatur; two sisters, Sylvia Walker of Fort Wayne and Erma Miller of Angola; a brother, Gilbert Morgan of Muncie; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Shawn Morgan, on Aug. 10, 1991, and three brothers, Jesse, Cecil and Dwayne Morgan.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville with military honors by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Leroy Stoll

HUNTERTOWN — Leroy O. Stoll, 84, of Huntertown died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Gloria Frye

Mrs. Frye

LAGRANGE — Gloria J. "Aunt Gloria" Frye, 64, of LaGrange died at 3:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Frye was known as "Aunt Gloria" to many members of the LaGrange community due to baby-sitting for children most of her life.

She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Howe and the St. James Episcopal Church Women.

A lifelong LaGrange County resident, she was a high school graduate and had attended two years of college.

Mrs. Frye enjoyed cooking, collecting cookbooks and baby-sitting.

She was born June 26, 1942, in LaGrange to George and Helen (Prough) Mason. She married Robert Frye in 1990 in St. James Episcopal Church in Howe. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Karen Frye of Sullivan, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Tim Smith of Colon, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Sherry Mason of Howe and George and Becky Mason of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Hollie Greathouse of Eldorado Hills, Calif.; five grandchildren, Timothy Jr., Christopher, Scott, Ashley and Konstance; and one great-grandchild, Paige.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. James Episcopal Church, Howe, with Father David Yaw officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to St. James Episcopal Church Women/

Condolence may sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Ruby Williams

Mrs. Williams

ANGOLA — Ruby F. Williams of Angola, formerly of Wooster, Ohio, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker, a nurse at Wooster City Hospital and a millinery buyer at Freedlander's Department Store in Wooster. She was a good daughter, sister, wife and mother and will be missed.

She was born in Marion, Ohio, to Guy O. and Bertha (Tewalt) Lester.

Her husband, Howard M. Williams, died in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth A. Skevington of Elko, Nev., and Gloria J. Furnish of Auburn; three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery in Shreve, Ohio.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

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Merle Myers

KENDALLVILLE — Merle Edgar Myers, 86, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers was employed with Uhl Oil Co. at the corner of William and Orchard streets in Kendallville for 50 years. He started out managing the gas station and then went on to drive the oil delivery truck for 20 years.

He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville where he served as Sunday school treasurer for many years. He also served several terms on the church council and was an usher for worship services.

Mr. Myers was a 43-year member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla and enjoyed yard work, gardening, working his farm and being outdoors.

Mr. Myers was born in Avilla on Dec. 6, 1920, to Franklin Lloyd and Hazel Zay (Eckels) Myers.

In 1942, he entered the United States Army during World War II and served his country until 1945. He then married Irene B. Peterson on Jan. 7, 1946, in LaCrosse, Wis. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Winnie Myers of Tewksbury, Mass., and Nick and Tina Myers of Kendallville; a daughter, Elaine Moore of Marion; four granddaughters, Jennifer and Bethany Myers of Tewksbury, and Rebecca and Kaitlin Moore of Marion; two brothers and sister-in-law, Donald and Cecelia Myers of Kendallville and Herbert and Barbara Myers of Avilla; and a sister, Dorothy Oelfke of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Marion Marshall Myers, who died in Africa during World War II.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, on C.R. 600E in rural Kendallville with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Martha Weber

ALBION — Martha A. Weber, 90, of Albion died at 11:40 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Weber was a lifetime area resident.

She had worked at Blue Bell in Columbia City and Silgan Plastics in Ligonier.

She was born Aug. 4, 1916, in Churubusco to Robert and Zora (Smith) Weber. She married Floyd Weber in Wolf Lake on Dec. 4, 1942. He died Oct. 29, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Charles Fleshman of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gene Weber of Kimmell and Nick and Liz Weber of Avilla; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Weber of Kendallville; three sisters-in-law, Nelda Owen and Thelma Ott, both of Albion, and Marie Davis of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren, Jennie, Carrie, Jeff, Randy, Jason, Justin, Tonya, Sherry, Todd and Angie; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Jerry Weber and Terry Weber; three brothers, Ronald and Carl Davis and Howard Regan; and an infant sister.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Berean Baptist Church in Albion or to the donor's choice.

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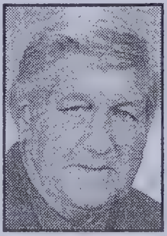
Denver Davis

EDGERTON, Ohio — Denver D. Davis, 68, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 11:36 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, in his home after a brief illness.


Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis owned and operated D. Davis and Son Floor Covering for 38 years until his retirement.

He was a 1957 graduate of Edgerton High School and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus Council 1494 in Edgerton, Bryan Eagles Aerie 2233, Butler Eagles Aerie 2737, the Auburn Moose Lodge and Butler American Legion Post 202, Sons of the American Legion.

He was born May 22, 1938, in Edgerton, the son of Rudolph "R.T." and Rose Teresa (Walsh) Davis.

He married Judith L. Hug on April 25, 1959, in Blakeslee, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Jerry Shull of Butler, Lisa and David Merkle of Ohio City, Ohio, and Denise and Rick Williams of Blakeslee, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald D. and Betsy Davis of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Jeffrey D. and Jessica Davis of Edgerton; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, two brothers and a sister-in-law, DeWayne and Sharon Davis and Marvin Davis, all of Bryan, Ohio, and three sisters, Kathleen Goebel and Imogene Stark, both of Edgerton, Ohio, and Audrey Davis of Bryan, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Thomas Davis.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Calling will be at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, with recitation of the rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Guardian Angel at St. Patrick Catholic School or to St. Mary Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Carl Rossman

KENDALLVILLE — Carl Rossman, 70, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness on Wednesday when he was walking his dog on the east side of Bixler Lake.

He retired from International Harvester as night superintendent in 1988 and also from Sea-Nymph Corp. in Syracuse in 1998.

Mr. Rossman enjoyed following his grandchildren's activities, especially watching grandsons, Cody and L.C., play football and baseball at East Noble. He was a dedicated supporter of East Noble and Central Noble High School athletics and enjoyed fishing, camping, deer and rabbit hunting and playing golf. He was always helping other people and loved putting on a hog roast.

Mr. Rossman as born in LaGrange County on Feb. 11, 1936, to Leo and Nina (Yoder) Rossman.

He graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1953 and married Edna Lee (Gose) Rossman on May 10, 1957, at the Baptist church in Valentine. She survives

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Deb Rossman of Kendallville; a daughter, Tammy Haefer of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Cody Deane Schneider and his wife, Jessi, who is currently serving in the U.S. Army Airborne in Iraq and stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska; L.C. Rossman, Kadie Haefer, Ashlee Haefer and Zachary Haefer all of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Georgia Rossman of Hillsdale, Mich., and Richard and Joan Rossman of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Doug Fredericks of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a sister-in-law, Ellie Rossman of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles Rossman.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Leroy Stoll

HUNTERTOWN — Leroy O. Stoll, 84, of Auburn and ormerly of Huntertown, died unday, Dec. 24, 2006, at rovena Sacred Heart Home n Avilla.

Mr. Stoll was a welder at Fruehauf Trailer in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring in 1984. He lived in Huntertown for 43 years, moving to Auburn two years ago.

He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was born April 14, 1922, in Garrett to Fred W. and Christine (Gallmeyer) Stoll. They preceded him in death.

He married L. Kathryn Fiandt on March 18, 1943, in Garrett. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James Roy and Ann M. Stoll of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon Kay and David Byerley of Avilla; three granddaughters, Michelle Grim of Fort Wayne, Melissa Byerley of Indianapolis and Nicole Byerley of Avilla; two great-grandchildren, Riley Grim and Mariah Grim, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Walter Stoll of Ossian; and a sister, Irma M. Knapp of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Alma Woodcock.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Our Hope Lutheran Church of Huntertown. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Our Hope Lutheran Church and the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences are to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Frank Tanner Jr.

AVILLA — Frank E. Tanner Jr., 43, of Avilla and formerly of the Edgerton, Ohio, area, died of natural causes early Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, in his home.

Mr. Tanner was employed in the shipping department of LCI Corp. in Middlebury.

He was born Dec. 5, 1963, in Hicksville, Ohio, the son of Frank E. and Rosemary (Klingshirn) Tanner. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are five sisters, Maryann Tanner of Edgerton, Ohio, Peggy Lightner of Omaha, Neb., Patty Tanner of Bryan, Ohio, Doris Tanner of Edgerton, Ohio, and Betty Sanchez of Bryan, Ohio; five nephews and nieces, Mariah Vollmer, Aaron and Ashley Lightner and Cameron and Tanner Sanchez; and one great-nephew, Parker Vollmer.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Ned Tanner, and one sister, Maxine Tanner.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio.

Private burial will be in the Edon Cemetery at Edon, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Phillip Miller

WOLCOTTVILLE — Phillip E. Miller, 73, of Wolcottville and formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006.

Mr. Miller retired from Conrail as a regional engineer with the Signal Department after 40 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1953 to 1955 and then in the Army Reserves.

Mr. Miller was born March 15, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Carl E. and Hazel M. (Huffman) Miller.

His wife, Nancy (Stiles) Miller, preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip Jr. and Susan Miller; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Laurel and Gary Eikey of Columbus, Ohio, and Sheila and Steve Ruck of Fenton, Mo.; a stepson, Jeff Leach of Barnhart, Mo.; a sister and brother-in-law, Mildred and Harry Sites of Pittsburgh; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Dee Miller; three grandchildren, Robert Miller, Steven Miller and Christopher Eikey; nieces; nephews; and his caregivers, Sharon DePew and Bob Hankison.

Services were today at John F. Slater Funeral Home in Pittsburgh, Pa. Burial was in Jefferson Memorial Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.johnslater.com.

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Ruby Flaugh

FORT WAYNE — Ruby E. (Stirlen) Flaugh, 92, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Flaugh graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne in the first class to attend North Side all four years. She worked in the office at General Electric and retired as office manager of Flaugh Motors.

She had been a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church and their ladies' circle. She loved writing poetry and presented a poem at the circle's 50-year celebration.

In later years, she attended the Church of Divine Science. She loved the lake and having family and friends visit. She enjoyed cookouts, swimming, and boating on Lake George.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Carlene of Lake George and Ron and Sue of Spring Hills, Fla.; six grandchildren and their spouses, Pamela and Don Shook of Big Otter Lake, Lisa and Todd Guthrie of Roanoke, Robb and Renee Flaugh of Hudson, Fla., Lora and Daniel Vurns of New York City, Don Flaugh of Columbia City and Tim and Chris Flaugh of Syracuse; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Blanche Stirlen; her husband Robert H. "Bob" Flaugh; three brothers, Harold, Donald, and Richard Stirlen; and five sisters, Violet Trammel, Helen Parker, Lena Stumpf, Glenna Heck and Virginia Graham.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at C.M. Sloans & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services. The Rev. Kelly Byrd will officiate.

Memorials are to North Side High School Scholarship Fund or Blackhawk Christian School, Fort Wayne.

Floyd Hufnagle

ANGOLA — Floyd Henry Hufnagle, 80, of Angola died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Dorothy Young-Bates

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Dorothy Young-Bates, 90, of Spartanburg, S.C., and formerly of Fort Wayne and Clear Lake died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at Magnolia Place of Spartanburg.

Mrs. Young-Bates was born Feb. 14, 1916, in Fort Wayne. She had been employed at Young's Flowers for several years, and had also been a bus driver for Fort Wayne Community Schools.

She was a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Fremont.

Surviving are two sons, David A. Young of Katy, Texas, and Dr. Stanley A. Young of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sally A. Dix of Spartanburg and Clare A. Murata of Mesa, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Chester H. Young, in 1974 and her second husband, Raymond L. Bates, in 1994.

Services will be Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be noon to 2 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Lutheran Church or the Joy Lutheran Church Building Fund in Moore, S.C.

Rodney Blodgett

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Rodney Allen Blodgett, 65, of Constantine, Mich., and formerly of Angola died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, in Constantine.

Mr. Blodgett was born June 13, 1941, in Worcester, Mass., to Clarence and Madeline (Bluing) Blodgett. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and worked as a timber buyer. He was a life member of the American Legion.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Blodgett of Angola, Brandon Blodgett of LaGrange and Mathew Blodgett of South Bend; a daughter, Kathleen Blodgett of South Bend; a half-brother; seven sisters; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepfather, George Williams.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

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James Willingham

FORT WAYNE — James A. Willingham, 70, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

He worked in sales for Montgomery Ward, Sears and H.H. Gregg.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia R. Willingham; three sons, Jeff and Jerry Willingham, both of Mishawaka, and Greg Steinbaugh of DeLand, Fla.; a daughter, Marcia Pierce of Osceola; stepsons Duane M. Burkley Jr. of Waterloo and David Burkley of Fort Wayne; stepdaughters Judy Burkley of New Haven, Rose Putman of Payne, Ohio, and Brenda Metsker of Monroeville; a brother, Orval Mac Willingham of Mishawaka; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Elzey-Patterson & Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Suzanne Pfeiffer

KENDALLVILLE — Suzanne K. Pfeiffer, 58, of Kendallville died at 11:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending with Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Emma Lambright

LAGRANGE — Emma Jo Lambright, infant daughter of David L. and Mollie W. (Hochstetler) Lambright of LaGrange, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, in Topeka.

Surviving with her parents are three brothers, Richard Lee, Jonathan Wayne and Duane Ray Lambright, all at home; paternal grandparents, Leland and MaryAnn Lambright of LaGrange; maternal grandparents, Wesley and Mary Hochstetler of LaGrange; paternal great-grandparents, Harley and Ida Lambright of Topeka and Jonathan and Clara Miller of Wolcottville; and maternal great-grandparents, Willis and Katie Hochstetler of LaGrange and Emma Hochstetler of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by a brother, DeVon Jay Lambright on April 16, 2006.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Mast Cemetery in LaGrange with Bishop Glen Miller officiating.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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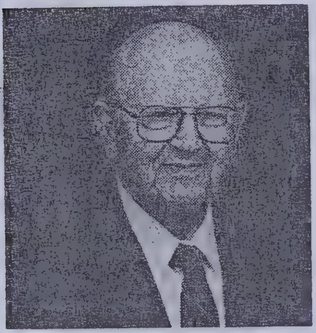

Merle Edgar Myers, 86

KENDALLVILLE – Merle Edgar Myers, age 86, died on Sunday, December 24, 2006 at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mr. Myers was born in Avilla on December 6, 1920 to Franklin Lloyd and Hazel Zay (Eckels) Myers.

In 1942 he entered the United States Army during WWII and served his country until 1945. He then married Irene B. Peterson on January 7, 1946 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Mr. Myers was employed with the Uhl Oil Company at the corner of William and Orchard Streets in Kendallville for 50 years. He started out managing the gas station and then went on to driving the oil delivery truck for 20 years.

He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville where he served as Sunday School Treasurer for many years. He also served several terms on the church council and was an usher for worship services.

Mr. Myers was a 43 year member of the American Legion, Post #240, in Avilla and enjoyed yardwork, gardening, working his farm and being outdoors.

Survivors include:

His wife of 60+ years, Irene Myers of Kendallville, sons and daughters-in-law, David and Winnie Myers of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Nick and Tina Myers of Kendallville, daughter, Elaine Moore of Marion, Indiana, four granddaughters: Jennifer and Bethany Myers of Tewksbury, and Rebecca and Kaitlin Moore of Marion, brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Cecelia Myers of Kendallville, Herbert and Barbara Myers of Avilla, Sister, Dorothy Oelfke of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Marion Marshall Myers, who died in WWII in Africa.

Funeral Services was Thursday, December 28, 2006 at 11:00 am at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, on 600 E. rural Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Ann Marshall. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Hite Funeral Home - 403 South Main Street - Kendallville, Indiana 46755

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Donald Reed, 79

LIGONIER - Donald R. Reed, 79, of Ligonier died at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at Avalon Village nursing home in Ligonier.

He was a self-employed appliance repairman for many years, retiring in 2001. He loved family activities, people, enjoyed his neighbor children, and he loved to travel.

He was a member of the Ligonier Church of Christ and the 101 Club. He was a Navy veteran, serving during the Korean War.

A lifetime resident of the Ligonier area, he was born July 19, 1927, to Clarence and Ruby (Rodman) Reed.

On Aug. 28, 1946, he married Naola L. Kimmel in Kendallville. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Sheri Reed of Columbus, Ind.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Mike Vosteen of Ligonier and Loretta Funk of Savannah, Ga.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Lois Rosenolgle of Ligonier; and two brothers and their wives, Wayne and Shirley Reed of Kimmell and Ross "Butch" and Liz Reed of Elizabethtown, Ky.

Services were Wednesday, December 27, 2006 at the Ligonier Church of Christ with Pastor Bob Soulliere officiating. Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Church of Christ.

Jeremy Joel Howard, 22

LIGONIER - Jeremy Joel Howard, 22, of Ligonier died Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at his residence.

He moved to Ligonier at a very young age. He enjoyed playing video games, animals, riding four-wheelers, playing on his computer and family fishing.

He was born Aug. 13, 1984, in Prestonburg, Ky.

Surviving are his parents, William and Mable Hicks Jr. of Ligonier; his biological mother and her spouse, Carla and Jeff Shepherd of Hillsdale, Mich.; his biological father, Steven Howard of Garrett; a sister, Kimberly Clawson of Hillsdale, Mich.; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Mark and Joyce Hicks of Ligonier, and Chad Howard and Travis Shepherd, both of Hillsdale.

Services were at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 21, 2006 at the Lighthouse Tabernacle, Kimmell, with the Rev. Glenn Patrick officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Josh and Purda Hicks, Jeff and Travis Shepherd, Kimberly Clawson and Christopher Swank.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Miller, 94

SHIPSHEWANA - Edna R. Miller, 94, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She was a homemaker and a waitress at the Middlebury Plaza on the Indiana Toll Road.

Mrs. Miller moved to LaGrange County in 1938 from Fort Wayne.

She attended Lakeview United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Van Buren Township Homemakers Club.

On July 27, 1912, in Allen County, she was born to Edward F. and Louise M. (Lamblin) Voirol. She married Emerald A. Miller on Oct. 5, 1932, in Allen County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Eloise and Orlando Caravette of Palos Heights, Ill.; two sons, Emerald Joe and Elvira Miller of Shipshewana, and Elmer "Bill" and Adele Miller of Parump, Nev.; a sister, Betty Fiedler of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Voirol of Albion; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a daughter, Eldora Ann Hayford, preceded her in death in 1985 along with four sisters, four brothers and her parents.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Pastor Emerald Joe Miller officiating. Burial was in Sidener Cemetery, Howe.

Memorials are to Lakeview United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

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Eileen Dini, 70

AVILLA - Eileen Lenore Dini, 70, of Avilla died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at her residence. She had been ill for three years.

She moved to Avilla in March 2006 from LaGrange, and also lived in Fort Wayne and Leo. She moved to Indiana from Minnesota 35 years ago.

Mrs. Dini was a secretary for several years for Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne before retiring in 1996.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, and Delta Theta Tau Sorority. She enjoyed crafts, fishing, sewing and bowling.

In St. Paul, Minn., on Aug. 22, 1936, she was born to Clement and Helen (Hawley) Freeman. She married Thomas Dini on July 1, 1961, in Minnesota. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Nancy Dini of Avilla, and Tim and Amy Dini of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sheila and Jeff Handlin of Huntertown, and Cindi Dini of Grabill; two brothers, Dick Freeman of Wyoming, Minn., and Pat Tunnel of North St. Paul, Minn.; 11 grandchildren, Maddie Frick, Kyle and Alex Handlin, Megan and Lauren Dini, Taylor, Emily and Zach Dini, Jared, Jeremiah and Justin Schiffl.

A sister, Cathy Morris, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services were Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Edward Erpelding officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Memorials are to Cancer Service of Allen County.

Goldie Joan Caldwell Ley, 62

WOLCOTTVILLE - Goldie Joan Caldwell Ley, 62, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at 6:15 p.m. at her residence.

She was born in LaGrange on Jan. 31, 1944, to Stewart and Rosa (Draper) Caldwell, who are both deceased.

She attended Wolcottville High School and was a lifetime area resident. She worked at Plastech in Kendallville for five years.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Dottie and Mark Pearson of Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Kalen, Kortney and Kyle Pearson, all of Wolcottville; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Helen and James Thomas, Charry and Ron Levitz and Carol Will, all of Wolcottville, Jeanie and Jerry Crawford of Sturgis, Mich., Rosa and Gary Walchle of Howe and Janie Arbogast and her fiance, Jeff Freed, of Albion; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dick and Sherry Caldwell of Fort Wayne, Paul and Rose Caldwell of Rome City and Stewart and Linda Caldwell of Wolcottville.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Kathy Gose, in 2000, and a brother, David Caldwell in 2003.

Services were Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Brad Garrett officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Pallbearers will be Paul Caldwell, Squirtie Caldwell, Dick Caldwell, James Thomas, Jerry Crawford and Ron Levitz.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Hannah Kilgore, 70

WOLCOTTVILLE - Hannah E. Kilgore, 70, of Wolcottville died at 4:35 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She had been ill for 17 years and in the hospital for two weeks.

On Oct. 17, 1936, in Albion, she was born to Banner P. and Cecil Pauline (Pooler) Haney. On Nov. 17, 1957, in Kendallville, she married David L. Kilgore. He survives.

She was a former teacher's aide for special needs children in Lakeland School Corp. for several years. She retired in 2005 as Johnson Township trustee after 19 years.

She had lived in Wolcottville since 1958.

Mrs. Kilgore attended Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, was a member of the Indiana Trustees Organization and was a founding member of the Athena Club. She was a past 4-H Horse and Pony leader for 25 years in LaGrange County, and a past 4-H Horse and Pony superintendent in LaGrange County.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie Hettenbach of Louisville, Ky., and Jane and Marc Adams of Chicago; a son, Douglas Kilgore of Miller Beach, Ind.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bertha Kelley of Albion, and Peggy and Keith McGinnis of Round Head, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen and Virginia Haney and Bob and Judy Haney, all of Kendallville, and Roy and Gloria Haney of Muncie; and five grandchildren, Jessica and Jenna Hettenbach, and Caroline, Grant and Noah Adams.

A daughter-in-law, Cari Jahns Kilgore, preceded her in death.

Services were Friday, December 22, 2006 at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, Wolcottville, with the Revs. Brad Garrett and Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Casketbearers were Doug Kilgore, Marc and Jane Adams, and Julie, Jessica and Jenna Hettenbach.

Memorials are to the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at youngfamilyfb@sbcglobal.net.

Young Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

John Young, 52

FORT WAYNE - John S. Young, 52, of Fort Wayne, formerly of rural Albion, died at 11:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He had been admitted earlier in the day.

He spent his formative years in Green Township in Noble County, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1972. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in 1976.

Mr. Young worked in management for J.C. Penney in several cities. He then worked for Lincoln Life Insurance Co., and later worked for Waterfield Mortgage Co. in Fort Wayne until the firm closed in 2005.

He enjoyed gardening and landscaping.

In Wolf Lake on July 15, 1954, he was born to Lloyd T. and Ruth Anna (Brown) Young. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Carol Young of Albion, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services was Saturday, December 23, 2006 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Craig Alan Myers, pastor of Blue River Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne or to the donor's choice.

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Carl Rossman, 70

KENDALLVILLE - Carl Rossman, 70, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness on Wednesday when he was walking his dog on the east side of Bixler Lake.

He retired from International Harvester as night superintendent in 1988 and also from Sea-Nymph Corp. in Syracuse in 1998.

Mr. Rossman enjoyed following his grandchildren's activities, especially watching grandsons, Cody and L.C., play football and baseball at East Noble. He was a dedicated supporter of East Noble and Central Noble High School athletics and enjoyed fishing, camping, deer and rabbit hunting and playing golf. He was always helping other people and loved putting on a hog roast.

Mr. Rossman was born in LaGrange County on Feb. 11, 1936, to Leo and Nina (Yoder) Rossman.

He graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1953 and married Edna Lee (Gose) Rossman on May 10, 1957, at the Baptist church in Valentine. She survives

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Deb Rossman of Kendallville; a daughter, Tammy Haefer of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Cody Deane Schneider and his wife, Jessi, who is currently serving in the U.S. Army Airborne in Iraq and stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska; L.C. Rossman, Kadie Haefer, Ashlee Haefer and Zachary Haefer all of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Georgia Rossman of Hillsdale, Mich., and Richard and Joan Rossman of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Doug Fredericks of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a sister-in-law, Ellie Rossman of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles Rossman.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, visit www.hitefuneralhome.-com

Martha A. Weber, 90

ALBION – Martha A. Weber, age 90, died Friday, December 23, 2006 at Parkview/Noble Hospital, Kendallville, IN.

She worked for Blue Bell in Columbia City, and Silgan Plastic in Ligonier, IN. She was also a lifetime area resident.

Mrs. Weber was born in Churubusco, IN, the daughter of Robert Davis and Zora (Smith) Weber.

She married Floyd Weber on December 4, 1942 in Wolf Lake, IN. Mr Weber died October 29, 1991.

Mrs. Weber attended Berean Baptist Church: the only surviving 50 year member of Gold Star Mothers of American Legion Post 246 in Albion, IN; she enjoyed crafts, reading, and being with her family, gospel and country music, cats, and angels.

Surviving children are 1 daughter, Pat (Charles) Fleshman of Albion; and two sons, Gene Weber of Kimmell and Nick (Liz) Weber of Avilla, IN; ten grandchildren, Jennie, Carrie, Jeff, Randy, Jason, Justin, Tonya, Sherry, Todd and Angie; and 23 great-grandchildren; three sister-in-laws, Nelda Owen and Thelma Ott of Albion and Marie Davis of Columbia City.

Mrs. Weber was preceeded in death by her parents; her husband; twin sons, Jerry Weber and Terry Weber; three brothers, Ronald and Carl Davis and Howard Regan; and an infant sister.

Services were Wednesday, December, 27, 2006 at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel, with Rev. Doug Keenan Officating. Burial was in the Merriam Chapel Cemetary, Merriam, IN.

Preferred memorials to Berean Baptist Church, Albion, IN or to the Donor's choice.

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James Foster

FREMONT — James B. "Bruce" Foster, 70, of Fremont died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Foster was born June 16, 1936, in Fremont to Vernor and Uvah Foster. He spent the majority of his life in the Fremont area. He was associated with the Fremont congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, serving as an elder for more than 20 years.

He was self-employed and worked as a mechanic and a driver in the automotive industry. He served for 24 years as a volunteer fireman with the Fremont Volunteer Fire Department. He graduated from Fremont High School, where he ran track and played basketball, in 1955.

On Jan. 22, 1956, he married Carol Faye Neely, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rochelle and Eric German of Patterson, N.Y.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia and Ed Evelsizer of Rough & Ready, Calif., and Virginia and John McBride of Fremont; and a brother, Charles V. Foster of Hamilton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1966; his mother in 1988; and a brother, Bill Foster, in 1983.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Fremont, with William Gerity, circuit overseer of Jehovah's Witnesses, officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Cremation has taken place, and there will be a private family graveside service at a later date in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Mr. Foster's wife.

Arrangements are being handled by Kline Funeral Home, Millersburg.

Floyd Hufnagle

Mr. Hufnagle

ANGOLA — Floyd Henry Hufnagle, 80, of Angola and formerly of Fremont, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Hufnagle was born Nov. 14, 1926, in Spinks Corners, Benton Harbor, Mich., to Boydia Henry and Edna (Lewis) Hufnagle. He was married to Barbara J. Southcott on Sept. 17, 1949, in Coldwater, Mich. She preceded him in death on June 25, 1979. He married Iva "Johnnie" Williams on May 15, 1982, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 21, 2006.

He retired from the Indiana Toll Road East Point as a supervisor. He also worked for Culligan Water Service in Fremont.

He was a 1945 graduate of Fremont High School. He was a member of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257, serving as commander in 1959. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Bernice and Jerry Herndon of Farmland, and Evelyn and James Gleason and Jane Bauhof, all of Fremont; a stepson and a stepdaughter-in-law, Dirk and Jane Russell of Angola; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Teresa Coak of Angola and Gwen and David Sloan of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Lewis LaMar Hufnagle.

Lowell Howard

WATERLOO — Lowell Howard, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Howard was the maintenance man at Auburn Motor Sales. He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and a former member of the Waterloo Masonic Lodge.

He was born March 22, 1923, in Waterloo to Charles and Hazel (Wherly) Howard.

Surviving are a brother, Eldon Howard of Beaver Dam, Ky.; a nephew and his wife, Scott and Sandra Howard of Wauseon, Ohio; a niece and her husband, Stephanie and Robin Lovejoy of West Unity, Ohio; and five great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Merlin Joan Howard.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Revs. David Doane and Donald Meyer officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Suzanne Pfeiffer

KENDALLVILLE — Suzanne K. (Smolinske) Pfeiffer, 58, of Kendallville died at 11:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where she had been a patient for two weeks.

Mrs. Pfeiffer

A lifetime area resident, she was a graduate of Kendallville High School.

She had been employed at Bodigon Sales and Service in Kendallville and at one time had worked for Shepherd's Pontiac, Buick, GMC and at Jack De Chevrolet Cadillac. She received her training in car sales at Max Platt Ford, Lincoln, Mercury.

She was an active member of American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary and enjoyed sewing, baking and making peanut brittle at Christmas.

She was born Aug. 21, 1948, in Kendallville to Charles and Cora (Kohn) Smolinske. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Anglia Atteberry of Syracuse and Cammi Rink of Kendallville; a son, Steven Hostler Jr. of Kendallville; two sisters, Tammy Smith of LaGrange and Janine Smolinske of Hudson; an aunt, Helen Smolinske; and four grandchildren, Jacob Shisler, Steven Hostler, Jenny Hostler and Karessa DeClue.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carmin Bolen, and a son, James "Jimmy" Bolen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Carl Rossman

KENDALLVILLE — Carl Rossman, 70, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness on Wednesday when he was walking his dog on the east side of Bixler Lake.

He retired from International Harvester as night superintendent in 1988 and also from Sea-Nymph Corp. in Syracuse in 1998.

Mr. Rossman enjoyed following his grandchildren's activities, especially watching grandsons, Cody and L.C., play football and baseball at East Noble. He was a dedicated supporter of East Noble and Central Noble High School athletics and enjoyed fishing, camping, deer and rabbit hunting and playing golf. He was always helping other people and loved putting on a hog roast.

Mr. Rossman as born in LaGrange County on Feb. 11, 1936, to Leo and Nina (Yoder) Rossman.

He graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1953 and married Edna Lee (Gose) Rossman on May 10, 1957, at the Baptist church in Valentine. She survives

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Deb Rossman of Kendallville; a daughter, Tammy Haefer of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Cody Deane Schneider and his wife, Jessi, who is currently serving in the U.S. Army Airborne in Iraq and stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska; L.C. Rossman, Kadie Haefer, Ashlee Haefer and Zachary Haefer, all of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Georgia Rossman of Hillsdale, Mich., and Richard and Joan Rossman of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Doug Fredericks of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a sister-in-law, Ellie Rossman of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles Rossman, earlier this year.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating.

Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion. Pallbearers will be Cody Schneider, L.C. Rossman, Rob Rossman, Randy Rossman, Doug Diekman and Larry Diekman. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Lewis and John Gose.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Harvey Montgomery

ANGOLA — Harvey L. Montgomery, 69, of Angola died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Montgomery

Mr. Montgomery was born Nov. 25, 1937, in Upland to William and Modena (Dunn) Montgomery. He was married to Jane A. Gard on Dec. 20, 1980, in Burlington. She survives.

He was retired from Creative Dining Services at Tri-State University, Angola. He had also formerly been employed at Amcast Automotive in Fremont, First-Tel Inc. of Bluffton and Northwestern High School in Kokomo.

He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, cooking and catering.

Also surviving are six children and their spouses, Penni L. and Terry Parshall of Coldwater, Mich., Patric L. and Deb Montgomery of Snow Lake, Parri L. Montgomery of Angola, Piper L. and Shannon Montgomery and Pam L. and James Keeton, all of Norwood, Colo., and Roger L. and Joette Daugherty of Beavercreek, Ohio; a sister, Sharon Benke of Florida; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Ralph Montgomery; and a sister, Joan Horn.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating. Calling will be Saturday from noon to 1 p.m.

Brian Dempsey

ANGOLA — Brian Dempsey, 37, of Angola and Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Dempsey

Mr. Dempsey was born Sept. 16, 1969, in Lorrain, Ohio, to Janice and Peter Dempsey. He was a member of the East Gilead Missionary Church in Bronson, Mich.

He enjoyed playing cards, video games, watching movies and listening to music.

Surviving are his mother in Angola and his father in Lakeside Marblehead; his stepfather, Joseph Harshman; a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Sherrie Dempsey; a nephew, Matthew Dempsey; a maternal grandmother, Dorothy Nettleman; three aunts, Loretta Wilson, Patsy Terrell and Lois Dempsey; an uncle, Dave Dempsey; and many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Angelica Dempsey; two grandfathers, Melbourne Nettleman and Louis Dempsey; a grandmother, Rita Crall; a nephew, Mark Travis; and an aunt, Christine Nettleman.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Burial and graveside services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the family or the Educational Opportunity Center, 403 S. Martha St., Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Jean Busche

SPENCERVILLE — Jean A. Busche, 81, of Spencerville died Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

Mrs. Busche was a lifelong homemaker, a past member of Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556 and an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

She was born Aug. 14, 1925, at Fort Wayne to John and Ethel (Mettler) Kiser.

She married Arthur Busche on Dec. 31, 1942. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Michael Beaver of Palmetto, Fla.; Noreen and Rodger Walker of Spencerville and Linda and Terry McClellan of Auburn; a son, Dan Busche of Fort Wayne, six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Adeline Harding of New Haven and Carleen Clark of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a twin sister, June Keller.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne,

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is handling arrangements.

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Robert Biddle

STURGIS, Mich. — Robert Lee Biddle, 69, of Sturgis died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, following a battle with cancer.

Mr. Biddle had lived in the Wolcottville area most of his life, moving to Sturgis in 1985.

He was served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962.

Mr. Biddle was a life member of the Capt. John Kelley VFW Post 1355 in Sturgis, American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 574 in Sturgis and a Golden Eagle Aerie 2455 in Albion.

He enjoyed gardening, bowling, NASCAR, fishing with his son and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born Feb. 6, 1937, in Noble County to Elmer and Elma (Targgart) Biddle. He married Patricia Ann "Patti" Eshelman on June 7, 1964, in Wolcottville. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Raeanne and Rick Savage of Sturgis and Leeanne and Eric Horne of Columbia City; a son, Robert J. Biddle of Sturgis and his friend, Tracy Smith, of Sturgis; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jack Biddle of Grand Rapids, Mich., John and Retta Biddle of Adrian, Ga., and Charles and Deloris Biddle of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Katherine and William Blanchard of Union, Mich., and Mary Ruth Christlieb of Butler; and five grandchildren, Cameron Savage, Boe Savage, Paige Savage, Grayson Horne and Drew Horne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Marie Leins and Patricia Keller

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield of Solomon Creek United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the family.

Martha Lee

BLOOMINGTON — Martha Ann (Hull) Lee, 86, of Bloomington and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006.

She was a homemaker and artist, and loved to garden. For the last 13 years she was a resident of the Meadowood Retirement Community in Bloomington, where she participated in the Old Masters group as well as other activities. She was a regular participant in the T.C. Steele painting competition in Nashville, Ind.

Mrs. Lee was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Bloomington and the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

She was born in Fort Wayne and graduated from South Side High School. She then graduated from Miami University of Ohio.

Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Robert E. "Bob" Lee, in 1999.

Surviving are seven children and their spouses, Pat Arnlund of Indianapolis, Judy and Steve Young of Indianapolis, Barbara Lee of Indianapolis, David and Cathy (Gisel) Lee of DeLand, Fla., Richard and Diane Lee of Spring Hill, Tenn., Peggy Lee Unterbrink of Aransas, Texas, and Thom and Debra Lee of Broken Arrow, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Meadowood Retirement Community.

Memorials are to the Meadowood Retirement Community Employee Appreciation Fund or the American Cancer Society.

ADVANCE LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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Donald Reed

LIGONIER — Donald R. Reed, 79, of Ligonier died at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at Avalon Village nursing home in Ligonier.

He was a self-employed appliance repairman for many years, retiring in 2001. He loved family activities, people, enjoyed his neighbor children, and he loved to travel.

He was a member of the Ligonier Church of Christ and the 101 Club. He was a Navy veteran, serving during the Korean War.

A lifetime resident of the Ligonier area, he was born July 19, 1927, to Clarence and Ruby (Rodman) Reed.

On Aug. 28, 1946, he married Naola L. Kimmel in Kendallville. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Sheri Reed of Columbus, Ind.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Mike Vosteen of Ligonier and Loretta Funk of Savannah, Ga.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Lois Rosenolgle of Ligonier; and two brothers and their wives, Wayne and Shirley Reed of Kimmell and Ross "Butch" and Liz Reed of Elizabethtown, Ky.

Services were Wednesday at the Ligonier Church of Christ with Pastor Bob Soulliere officiating. Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Tuesday at the J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Church of Christ.

THE NEWS SUN
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Orland woman killed

51-year-old dies in Georgia crash

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MACON, Ga. — An Orland woman has died and her husband is hospitalized after a one-car crash on I-475 near Macon, Ga. Thursday.

According to a release from the Bibb County Sheriff's Office, Kathy Lash Byrne, 51, of Orland, was driving a Dodge Durango on I-475 South at Zebulon Road when the truck left the roadway and turned over. She was pronounced dead at the scene at 8:45 a.m. by Bibb County Coroner Leon Jones.

Her husband, William, 72, was transported to Medical Center of Central Georgia for treatment.

The couple had married about a month ago, but had been a couple for some time. William Byrne owned Cleveland Sales, and Kathy was a sales associate there.

Kathy's daughter, Erica Schwarz, lives in Angola. Her mother, Dorothy Anderson, and brother, Gary, live in Hudson and she has sisters in Pleasant Lake and LaGrange.

The accident remains under investigation by the Bibb County Sheriff's Department.

A pending obituary appears on Page A4.

Kathy Byrne

ORLAND — Funeral services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, for Kathy Lash Byrne, 51, Orland, who died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, as a result of injuries sustained in an accident in Macon, Ga.

She is survived by her husband, William Byrne, who remains hospitalized in Macon, and a daughter, Erica Schwarz, Angola. Her mother, Dorothy Anderson, and brother, Gary, survive in Hudson, along with sisters, Judy Young of Pleasant Lake and Vicki Baltes of LaGrange.

Violet Gulick

HAMILTON — Violet E. Gulick, 86, Hamilton, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at her home.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Eunice and Sonny Martin, Pleasant Lake; a granddaughter, Kimberly; and three great-grandchildren, Christopher, Trevor and Nicholas.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Delbert Wicker

LIGONIER — Delbert Wicker, 60, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wicker had lived in Ligonier the past 30 years and had been employed at Silgan Plastics. He had retired from there in April.

He was a 1965 graduate of Garrett High School in Garrett, Ky.

He was born in Floyd County, Ky., on Sept. 15, 1946, to Joe and Viola (Bolen) Wicker. His parents are deceased.

Surviving are two sisters, Rhoda Mosley of Ligonier and Irene Watkins of Lackey, Ky; three nephews and their wives, Paul and Diane Mosley of Albion, Randy and Denise Watkins of Moorehead, Ky., and Terry Wicker of Rome City; two nieces, Lisa Thornsbury and her husband, Paul, of Richmond, Ky., and Tina Wicker of Rome City; and a great-nephew, Zachary Mosley of Albion.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Mart Wicker, in 1974.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church in Garrett, Ky., with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at the G.W. Bolen Cemetery near Rock Fork, Ky.

Calling will be at the church after 4 p.m. today.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences to the family may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Suzanne Washler

ST. JOE — Suzanne H. Washler, 62, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Washler

Mrs. Washler was a neonatal nurse at Lutheran Children's Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Indiana SIDS Council and Lutheran Hospital Children's Hope Basketball Tournament. She was a 4-H parent and DeKalb Eastern Music Booster.

She was born July 14, 1944, in Fort Wayne to Earl C. and Hannah (Hill) Link.

She married Edwin "Ed" Washler on July 27, 1968, at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher and Tammy Washler of Pensacola, Fla., and Zachary and Erin Washler of Frankfort; two daughters and a son-in-law, Bethany and Kurtis Kimmel of Jeffersonville and Abigail Washler at home; four grandchildren, Kurtis Todd Kimmel, Konnor Kimmel, Emily Washler and Sarah Washler; one brother and sister-in-law, David and Ruth Link of Green Valley, Ariz.; and one sister, Anita Schaefer of Indianapolis.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St. The Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Lutheran Children's Hospital, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

Clare Haenni

BRONSON, Mich. — Clare Charles Haenni, 60, Bronson, Mich., died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at home. He had been in failing health.

He was born July 21, 1946, in Bronson, the son of Clarence and Rose Marie (Kronmiller) Haenni and was a lifelong Bronson area resident. He started farming while in high school and farmed full time upon graduation from Bronson High School. He loved farming and considered it a hobby as much as an occupation.

Mr. Haenni served many years as Gilead Township Trustee and was very involved in Branch County 4-H. He sold numerous animals to children for 4-H projects over the years. He also was involved with Agriculture Internship and the FHA.

He is survived by his sister, Sharon DeBar of DeWitt, Mich.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, James of Houston and Edin and Judy of Hartsville, S.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Don Matteson officiating. Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be in South Gilead Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Community Health Center Hospice or the Development Fund at Michigan State University.

Condolences may be left online at www.kolcz.com.

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Earl Armstrong

HAMILTON — Earl Armstrong, 77, of Hamilton died at 1:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he had been admitted on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Armstrong was a 1955 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and received his master's degree from Ball State University.

He was a pastor for 51 years and was currently serving the California United Presbyterian Church in California, Mich., where he has served the last 36 years.

He was an elementary school teacher and administrator serving the DeKalb and Hamilton school systems for 17 years.

He was the owner of Armstrong Coin and Jewelry in Angola with his sons for 12 years.

Mr. Armstrong enjoyed talking with friends, walking and being outdoors. He found fulfillment in outdoor yard work and enjoyed time on the lake with his family. The biggest blessings in his life were the fellowship and friendship he shared with his congregation at the California United Presbyterian Church and his relationships with his family.

He was born Dec. 5, 1929, in Port Jefferson, Ohio, the son of William E. and Myrtle A. (Schaffer) Armstrong.

He married his wife of 57 years, Evelyn J. Moore, on July 5, 1949, in Montpelier, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jerry and Helen Armstrong of Waterloo, Lynn and Jing Armstrong of Indianapolis and Lyle Armstrong of Angola; his grandchildren and their spouses, Matt and Candie Armstrong, Lori and Jody Wiedenhoeft, Mandy Shepherd, Nathan Armstrong, Stephanie and Lance Witham, Travis and Maritza Armstrong, Scott and Devan Armstrong, Seth and Cathy Armstrong, Melissa Armstrong and Shannon Armstrong; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gene and Diane Armstrong of Perry, Ohio, and Larry and Kay Armstrong of Clear Lake; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Pat R. Hay of Edon, Ohio, Shirley M. Tibbs of Angola and Linda and Steve Welmer of Bradenton, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Glenna Derringer and Eileen Armstrong; and a brother, William Armstrong.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Interment will follow in Columbia Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the California United Presbyterian Church in California, Mich.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Danny Wood

SKINNER LAKE — Danny D. Wood, 62, of Skinner Lake died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at home.

Mr. Wood was born Sept. 19, 1944, in Fort Wayne to Walter and Geneva (Crary) Wood. He was a truck driver for 30 years, and had also driven for the city of Auburn. He had lived in Noble County for two years.

Mr. Wood

He married Linda Lee Cole on April 7, 2006, and she survives.

He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons. He enjoyed NASCAR and motorcycle racing.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Debora and Timothy Frick and Cindy Wood, all of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Walter "TJ" and Melinda Wood of Angola; a stepdaughter, Joleine Cole of Albion; two stepsons, James Cole and Jonathan Cole, both of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Walter Wood Jr. and Terry and Sandy Wood, all of Garrett; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joan and Mart Fahlsing of Fort Wayne, Judith King and Willis Hicks of Albion and Diana and Jerry Haugk of Garrett; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to the family.

The following obituary is being rerun to correct an error.

Rodney Blodgett

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Rodney Allen Blodgett, 65, of Constantine, Mich., and formerly of Angola died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, in Constantine.

Mr. Blodgett was born June 13, 1941, in Worcester, Mass., to Clarence and Madeline (Bluing) Blodgett. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and worked as a timber buyer. He was a life member of the American Legion.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Blodgett of Angola, Brandon Blodgett of LaGrange and Mathew Blodgett of South Bend; a daughter, Kathleen Blodgett of El Paso, Texas; a half-brother; seven sisters; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepfather, George Williams.

Services were Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Harold Yeiser

ST. JOE — Harold Lloyd Yeiser, 82, of St. Joe died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Yeisler was born Nov. 26, 1924, in St. Joe to Desmond W. "Mose" and Doris Delora (Keesler) Yeiser. He married Patricia Jane Turner on May 10, 1951, in Newville. She preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 2001.

He was the owner of Yeiser's Standard Service Station in St. Joe, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and a 50-year member of the Concord Fire Department. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathryn Sue Strong of Lima, Ohio; two grandchildren, Scott Huebner of Indianapolis and Steth Huebner of Chicago; a sister, Rosemary Means of Paris, Tenn.; and a sister-in-law, Helen Yeiser of St. Joe.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeffrey Lynn Yeiser in 1955; and a brother, Donald K. Yeiser on Sept. 12, 2005.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, with military honors conducted by members of the Butler American Legion.

Memorials are to Concord Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 157, St. Joe., IN 46785.

Arrangements are being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

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Frank Thomae

HOWE — Frank J. Thomae, 80, of Howe died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. Thomae

Mr. Thomae was born April 16, 1926, in LaPorte to Frank A. and Anne (Klingler) Thomae. He had lived in LaGrange County since 1942, moving there from Chicago. He retired after 37 years from Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, where he was an inspector. He was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe, where he was a deacon, trustee and elder. He was a former member of the Howe Lions Club, and enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

On Jan. 11, 1947, in LaGrange he married Elaine J. McKinley. She preceded him in death on Feb. 2, 2002. He then married Doris Brubacher on July 1, 2006, in Howe. She survives in Sturgis.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Julie and Donald Smoker of Howe, Joyce and Donald Chaney of Fort Wayne and Susan Loudenslager of Spring Lake, Mich.; a son, Philip M. Thomae of Port Lavaca, Texas; eight stepchildren; four grandchildren, 14 stepgrandchildren, one great-grandchild and seven step-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Eleanor Livingston; and a companion, Lillian Shank, on Dec. 4, 2004.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Revs. Dan Engber and Dwight Hostetler officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

John Gillian

BRADENTON, Fla. — John C. Gillian of Bradenton and formerly of Philadelphia and Kendallville died on Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, in Bradenton.

Mr. Gillian had moved to Bradenton in 1986 from Philadelphia.

He had served as a dedicated firefighter for the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Gillian was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church and the Firefighters Union.

He was born in Kendallville to Clarence and Maxine Gillian. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Marie; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Paula Gillian and Steven and Jyrl Gillian; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Marguerite and Peter Dittmann, Maria and Robert Dondaldson, Joanne and Brian Walimaa and Dolores Piotrak; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Ray Scott of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday in Bradenton.

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Richard Sutton

FISHERS — Richard D. Sutton, 74, of Fishers and formerly of Wabash died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at Castleton Healthcare in Indianapolis.

Mr. Sutton was born Aug. 20, 1932, to Robert and Grace (Shoemaker) Sutton. He married Lois I. Romine on Feb. 20, 1955, in Pleasant Lake. She survives.

He and his wife lived in Wabash from 1964 until this past September, when they relocated to Fishers. He was a member of Wabash First United Methodist Church, and a 50-plus year member of the Masonic Lodge. He served on the Wabash Community Service Board of Directors, was a former Wabash County Big Brothers/Big Sisters board member and volunteer, and was also a longtime volunteer with the Santa's Helpers program. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

From 1964 until 1972, he was the principal at L.H. Carpenter Elementary School in Wabash. He worked at the Shirt Shed for several years, and retired from Builder's Mart in Wabash.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jodi and Jim Morgan of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Katie Morgan, all of Indianapolis; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon and Bill Baldwin and Peggy and Dick Shutts, all of Fremont, Suzy and Dick Adams of Angola and Sally and Ned Fifer of Tampa, Fla.; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Steve Sutton of Gary and Greg and Terry Sutton of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kent Sutton, in February 2002.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with the Rev. Rebecca Fisher officiating. Calling will Tuesday from to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Mt. Zic Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Wabash County.

Condolences can be left online at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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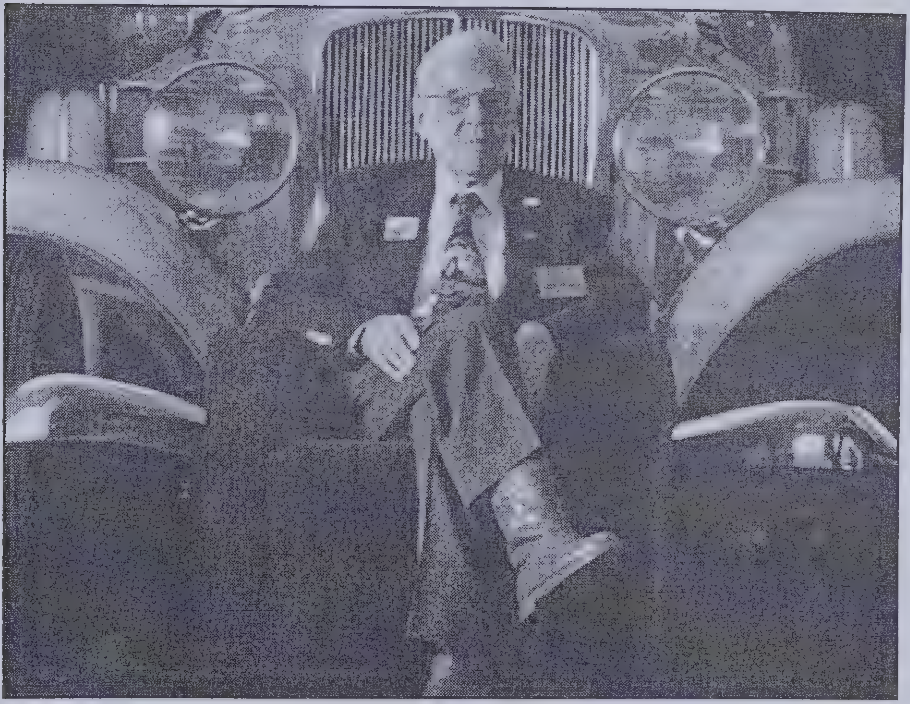
A gentleman and a ‘doer’

Howard Bates was comfortable working behind the scenes



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Howard Bates poses for a photograph in front of a 1932 Auburn automobile at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. He worked as an engineer with the Auburn Automobile Co. from 1931 to 1936. Mr. Bates died Nov. 22 at the age of 96.

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BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — "Howard was a classic, an icon and a well-respected member of the community and of our museum."

Sharon Fouke, program support manager of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, spoke those words at the funeral of Howard A. Bates, 96, who died Nov. 22 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Fouke recalled being welcomed to the museum by Mr. Bates, who had been an engineer with the Auburn Automobile Co. from 1931 to 1936. He was a docent, guiding visitors on tours of the museum, where he was a lifetime member.

"He calmly took me on a walk through (the museum) and helped me feel connected and welcome," Fouke said. "(He) was a mentor to many and spent numerous hours giving tours."

Both Mr. Bates and Fouke were graduates of Tri-State University. Mr. Bates earned his diploma in 1931, when the Angola institution was still a college.

"The year was 1931, and it was the middle of the Great Depression," said Mr. Bates' daughter, Nancy. "It was difficult to find work, and dad was grateful to be able to get his first job at the Auburn Automobile Co., driving cars off the assembly line and performing test drives for 19 cents an hour," she said.

Eventually, Mr. Bates was promoted to the engineering department, where he made $125 a month, "A fine wage for the early 1930s," his daughter said.

In 1936, Mr. Bates left Auburn Automobile Co. for International Harvester in Fort Wayne, where he worked for the next 39 years. He met and married Ellen McNabb in 1955.

"Dad had my brother, Bill, and myself late in life, but it was often an advantage to have an older dad," Nancy Bates said. She said her father didn't express a lot of emotion, but "He would have done anything for his family." He often told his daughter that marriage and having a family was the best thing that ever happened to him.

Mr. Bates was born and raised in Michigan. His father was a family doctor.

"My father was a very reserved man and one that didn't reminisce about his upbringing, or childhood memories," his daughter said. "Those that he did share revolved around his family and boyhood activities. It was fascinating to hear about how things were back then," she said, adding that her family passes those memories down to future generations.

One such memory was of when Mr. Bates lost his left index finger at the age of 9, his daughter said.

"He was helping change a wheel on a water wagon; the horse spooked and the wheel dropped on his finger," she said. Mr. Bates' father amputated the finger, but did so above the joint because he knew Howard was mechanically inclined and would need the joint for gripping.

A more recent memory of her father originated was when he was 83, Nancy Bates recalled. The family had gathered at Mr. Bates' lake cottage, and Mr. Bates wanted to go swimming.

"He couldn't find his swimming trunks, and the only suit available was my mother's one-piece bathing suit," she said. "Dad got into her suit and ran off the dock and dived into the lake.

"My nieces and my brother were somewhat horrified," she added.

Despite retiring in 1975, Mr. Bates never really retired, Nancy Bates said.

"Dad didn't have any hobbies, but he was always busy tinkering and working on some project around the house or at the lake," She said, adding that her father never lost his sharp thinking or his wit.

Mr. Bates went to The Masters golf tournament in 2004 for his 94th birthday. He learned to use a computer for e-mail and solitaire.

"When I think of my father, I think of the word 'gentleman' in how he carried himself, how he dressed, how he spoke and how he treated others. I never heard my dad complain about a bad boss, or make a mean-spirited statement," Nancy Bates said.

"My dad was faithful, dedicated and he persevered, whether he was battling cancer, 69-plus years of perfect attendance as a Lion's Club member, . .

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or attending every school function when we were kids," she added.

She said her father was home for every evening meal, and used every one of his vacation days to spend with his family.

Yet, she said, her father shunned the spotlight and didn't care for fancy dress, mannerisms or food.

"He was a real meat-and-potatoes person," she said.

"Dad was a doer, someone that was very comfortable working behind the scenes, making things happen. He worked at the Lions fair booth and had a leadership role in the Lions hearing program, and devoted hours to the museum.'

Fouke commended Mr. Bates' love for his wife.

"Just a few days before he passed away," she said, "he was sitting in the commons area at the nursing home with other residents when Ellen came up in her kelly-green shirt.

"He looked at the other female residents, and then up at Ellen, and told her that she was just beautiful. It seems rare when you hear someone talk about their spouse with such love and admiration.

"She was his wife, his nurse, the mother of his children and his friend, but there was something more, something deep that I think very few people are lucky enough to feel," Fouke said.

"Howard was blessed, and he knew it. It didn't seem that he took it for granted, but knew how to appreciate it.

"Howard," she said, was "a Duesy."

Robert Shaffer

HUDSON — Robert L. Shaffer, 91, of rural Hudson died at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at his residence with his family by his side.

On June 2, 1915, in Helmer he was born to Charles and Vesta (Spero) Shaffer. He married Eva Tritch on Aug. 9, 1939.

Mr. Shaffer

He lived on the family farm one mile east of Helmer in Steuben County. In 1960 they moved to the Butler Apple Orchard on C.R. 327.

Mr. Shaffer farmed and operated a gravel business for over 30 years. He developed Sha-gett Acres and Westview Addition on Big Turkey Lake.

He was a member of Helmer United Methodist Church, and enjoyed family gatherings and helping people.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four daughters and three brothers-in-law, Roberta Lochamire, Cindy and Tony Minier and Lila and Rory Smith, all of Hudson, and Emily and Jerry Dunafin, LaGrange; 11 grandchildren and seven of their spouses, Chris and Cyndi Lochamire, Ken and Ingrid Lochamire, Pat and Karen Fox, Kurt and Shawn Dunafin, Rod and Kathy Dunafin, Brad and Lori McGraw, Chad and Brandi Minier, Clifford Minier, Michael Smith, Matthew Smith and Carla Betcke; and 25 great-grandchildren.

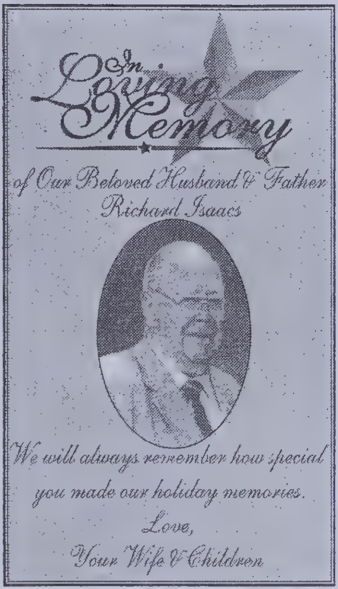
A son-in-law, Robert Lochamire, in 2002; a brother, Russell Shaffer; a sister, Leah Lasho; and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Helmer United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Pallbearers will be Chris and Ken Lochamire, Kurt and Rodney Dunafin, Chad and Cliff Minier and Mike and Matthew Smith.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Helmer United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be emailed to Johnson@bnin.net.


In Loving Memory
of Our Beloved Husband & Father
Richard Isaacs
We will always remember how special
you made our holiday memories.
Love,
Your Wife & Children

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Samuel Nissley

BRISTOL — Samuel Ray Nissley, 17, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006. He was found at 1:08 p.m. that day at a residence in the 2600 block of South Main Street, Goshen.

On Aug. 9, 1989, in Northumberland County, Penn., he was born to Ervin Nissley and Barbara (Byler) Miller.

He was working for Hoosier House Furnishings in Goshen at the time of his death.

Surviving are his step-father and mother, Sam and Barbara Miller, Bristol; three brothers, Allen Nissley, Columbia City, Vernon Nissley, Columbia, Ky., and David Nissley, Goshen; two step-brothers, Melvin Miller, LeRaysville, Penn., and Joseph Miller, Columbia, Ky.; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Edith Marie and Delbert Yoder, Goshen, Miriam and Andy Hertzler, Crab Orchard, Ky., Rosemary and Lori Ann Miller, both of Bristol, and Amanda Grace Yoder, Goshen; five step-sisters and one of their spouses, Catherine Miller, Columbia, Ky., Ida Mae and Vernon Beachy, Jordanville, N.Y., Lovina Miller, Middlebury, and Ruth Ann and Elma Miller, both of Bristol; and grandparents Sam and Sarah Ellen Byler, Jordanville, N.Y.

His father, grandparents, Clemens and Edith Nissley, and a step-brother Sam Miller Jr. preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Harley Lehman residence, 15623 Elkhart C. R. 18, Goshen, with Bishop Menno Lehman and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Amish Gradyville Cemetery, Columbia, Ky.

Calling will be all day Tuesday at the family residence at 19803 U.S. 20, Bristol, and after 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Harley Lehman residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Raymond Ahrndt

HICKSVILLE, OHIO — Raymond J. Ahrndt, 73, of Hicksville and formerly of Butler died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On April 20, 1933, in Camp Crook, S.D., he was born to Raymond J. Sr. and Evelyn (Dionne) Ahrndt. He married Joyce E. Spray on Oct. 16, 1954, in Battle Creek, Mich. She surivives.

Mr. Ahrndt worked for Hendrickson Tandem in Butler and Kendallville for 32 years before retiring in 1996.

He was a member of the National Bowling Congress and the Butler Bowling League.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons and daughters-in-law, Roy J. and Charlotte Ahrndt, Butler, and Ron J. and Dawn Ahrndt, Waterloo; a daughter, Linda K. Jordan, Anaheim, Calif.; a sister, Yvonne Angus, Indian Mound, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death.

There are no services and no calling.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

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The following obituary is being rerun to correct an omission.

Frank Thomae

HOWE — Frank J. Thomae, 80, of Howe, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. Thomae

On April 16, 1926, in LaPorte, Ind., he was born to Frank A. and Anne (Klingler) Thomae. On Jan. 11, 1947, in LaGrange he married Elaine J. McKinley. She preceded him in death on Feb. 2, 2002. He then married Doris Brubacher-Thomae on July 1, 2006, in Howe. She survives.

Mr. Thomae moved to LaGrange County from Chicago in 1942.

He retired after 37 years with Kirsch Company in Sturgis, Mich., as an inspector.

Mr. Thomae was a member of the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe where he was a deacon, trustee and elder. He was a former member of Howe Lions Club, and enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

Surviving, in addition to his second wife, are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Julie and Donald Smoker, Howe, Joyce and Donald Chaney, Fort Wayne, and Susan Loudenslager, Spring Lake, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Philip M. and Sue Thomae, Port Lavaca, Texas; eight stepchildren; four grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Revs. Daniel Engber and Dwight Hostetler officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lima Presbyterian Church, Howe.

Condolences may be emailed to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Douglas Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Douglas Earl Zimmerman, 74, of Angola died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Dawnee Browder

WATERLOO — Dawnee Sue Browder, 43, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Dawnee Browder

In Chicago on July 23, 1963, she was born to Dana Thomas and Wilma Jean (Handy) Browder.

She had lived in the Waterloo area for more than 20 years.

She enjoyed listening to music, poetry, drawing and sketching.

Surviving are two daughters, Crystal Inzer and Cassandra Browder, both of Kendallville; a son, Kyle Inzer, Kendallville; two sisters, Debbie Krizanovic, Round Lake Park, Ill., and Darla Browder, Peoria, Ill.; three brothers, Danny and Darren Browder, both of Seattle, Wash., and David Browder, Wisconsin; and two grandchildren, Camryn Osbun and Caydence Becker, both of Kendallville.

Her parents; a sister, Deana Browder; and a nephew, Michael Krizanovic, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Larry Anglemyer officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

There is no calling.

Condolences may be emailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Every effort was made for accuracy.
I apologize if there are any errors.

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